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A look back at the voices, images and news of 1997

In this, our first issue of 1998, The Citizen looks back over what has happened in our communities during the past 52 weeks. Such a retrospective is traditional at this time of the year, but we've departed from past practice a bit, in order to open this issue to a wider selection of the past year's voices and images. This week's photos and quotations come from throughout the year and do not necessarily refer to the news summaries with which they share space. We hope you enjoy.

In our backyards

'My sister Kate asked for skis one Christmas. That's what we wanted, and that's what we got.'

MARY BEAN TRIPP
whose childhood home stood on the present site of the Great Grizzly

Two specters loomed large over the past year, dominating The Citizen's letters-to-the-editor page and much of the newspaper's front-page news.

Two plans -- one by the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe to build a 2,000 seat high-stakes bingo hall in Albany Township, a second by an international consortium of businesses to lay an underground natural-gas pipeline through Bethel -- were met with strenuous opposition from local residents who feared such developments would overwhelm forever the character of our communities.

But in spite of that opposition, both plans took major steps in 1997 toward becoming realities.

The bingo hall plan has been around in one form or another for most of the decade, but until 1996 the Passamaquoddys had done little to move it ahead.

Late that year, however, the tribe announced that it had found financing for the bingo hall and planned to file an application with the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission, which governs development in unorganized territories such as Albany.

A number of heated meeting followed, as residents protested the plan and organized in hopes of defeating it.

A number of technical objections to the plan were raised, but the primary focus of the residents' anger and fear was the impact the bingo hall would have on the rural character of Albany -- the quiet and peaceful way of life cherished by the people who live there.

As currently planned, the hall would operate 27 weekends a year, bring in hundreds of cars and scores of buses each day.

But residents are convinced that is only the beginning. Noting the explosive growth of Indian gambling nationwide, and the repeated -- and often successful -- efforts of Maine Indian tribes to expand the scope of their gambling activities, opponents of the bingo hall argued that it is only a foot in the door for a more ambitious plan to eventually develop a full-blown, 365-day-a-year casino here.

The tribes spokesmen and lawyers repeatedly ridiculed such fears, calling the project opponents alarmists and hysterics.

But those denials rang hollow earlier this month, when Albany resident Jeff Rosenblatt obtained a copy of the loan agreement between the tribe and its New York financier.

That agreement showed conclusively that the tribe and the developer had already discussed the possibility of a much larger gambling operation at the Albany site.

But the arguments raised against the bingo hall appeared to carry no weight with LURC, which approved the plan in November.

Opponents then took their case to court, filing two appeals against the LURC approval.

The appeals are expected to take at least six months to run their course, and in the meantime opponents also plan attacks (albeit defensive attacks) on the legislative front.

A bill currently in committee would, in effect, allow the tribe to add to the amount of land in Albany on which gambling activities could be conducted.

Other bills are also expected to be filed, expanding the number of days gambling activities can take place and seeking to exempt the tribe from regulatory review of its activities in the unorganized territories.

Opponents plan to lobby hard against all such legislative moves, and by year's end they appeared to have finally achieved at least one long-elusive goal -- rallying the surrounding communities in their support.

Pipeline sliding through

Such community support continues to elude opponents of the underground natural gas pipeline through Bethel.

Pipeline developers plan to lay 13.5 miles of 12-inch pipe through Bethel, following rights-of-way from Hunts Corner in Albany, along Route 35, the Rabbit, East Bethel and Intervale roads.

The Bethel section is part of a 43-mile lateral line intended to service paper mills in Rumford and Jay. The lateral will connect in Albany to a new 24-inch trunk line following the path of the existing Portland Pipeline Company right of way.

That main pipeline runs for 272 miles, from the New Hampshire-Quebec border to Haverill, Mass, where it connects with pipelines of the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company.

'Paper mills are not a public need.'

CARO POIRIER

The total project is slated to cost $250 million. The consortium behind it, The Portland Natural Gas Transmission System (PNGTS), argues that the new pipeline will help reduce pollution from other fossil fuels, and it will boost the economies of the regions through which the pipeline passes.

Opponents, however, have argued the new spur is a safety hazard, pointing to accidents that have taken place elsewhere in the country.

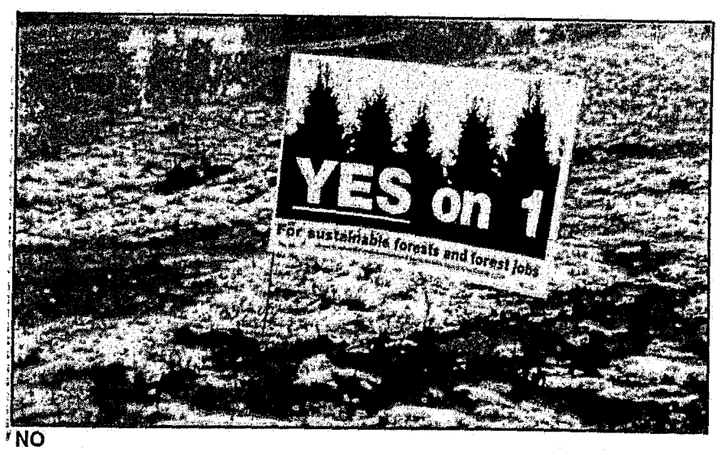
Residents living along the route argue they and their families are being forced to live with the constant fear of a massive explosion just outside their door.

Objections have also been raised to the clearing that will be required along the pipeline route.

But neither the safety nor the aesthetic issue seemed to resonate far beyond the actual route of the pipeline, and the group of neighbors opposed to it found little meaningful support from the broader community.

In September the project was approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

SLIDING INTO THE NEW YEAR--Some light rain aside, the recent snowstorms have brought joy to the hearts of outdoor recreationists in the Bethel area. Here, Alexandria Crockett (front), 5, of Bethel and Victoria Crockett-Jackson, 7, of Bryant Pond enjoy the sliding hill at the Bethel home of their grandparents, Clayton and Lola Crockett. *(Photo by Alison Aloisio)*



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'Albany's natural resources and its proximity to organized cities and towns, make it unique among the 410 unorganized townships in Maine. ... In the public interest, for the pubic benefit and for the good order of the people of this state this uniqueness deserves to be preserved.'

ROBERT O'BRIEN,
Albany Township Landowner.

Business keeps on keepin' on

The economy here, as in most of the rest of the country, continued strong in 1997, but was not without its problems.

It was a mixed year in the wood products industry, according to local loggers, mill owners and state labor officials.

The paper industry was strong, and there was good demand for logs, but some mills faced serious problems.

The year's biggest news story on the woods-products front came in February, when P.H. Chadbourne Co. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

The company, which sells one-inch thick pine boards throughout the U.S., contributes more than $8 million to the local economy, in the form of wages, salaries and benefits, log purchases and other expenditures, according to a company attorney.

At the time of the bankruptcy filing P.H. Chadbourne was $18 million in debt.

Chapter 11 allows a company to reorganize a business pursuant to a plan. Owner Bob Chadbourne pointed to two factors in the company's decision to seek bankruptcy protection: a decline in lumber prices which began two years earlier, and operating problems during a major expansion of the mill.

Chadbourne expressed confidence at the time that the situation could be turned around, and he told The Citizen recently that the market for

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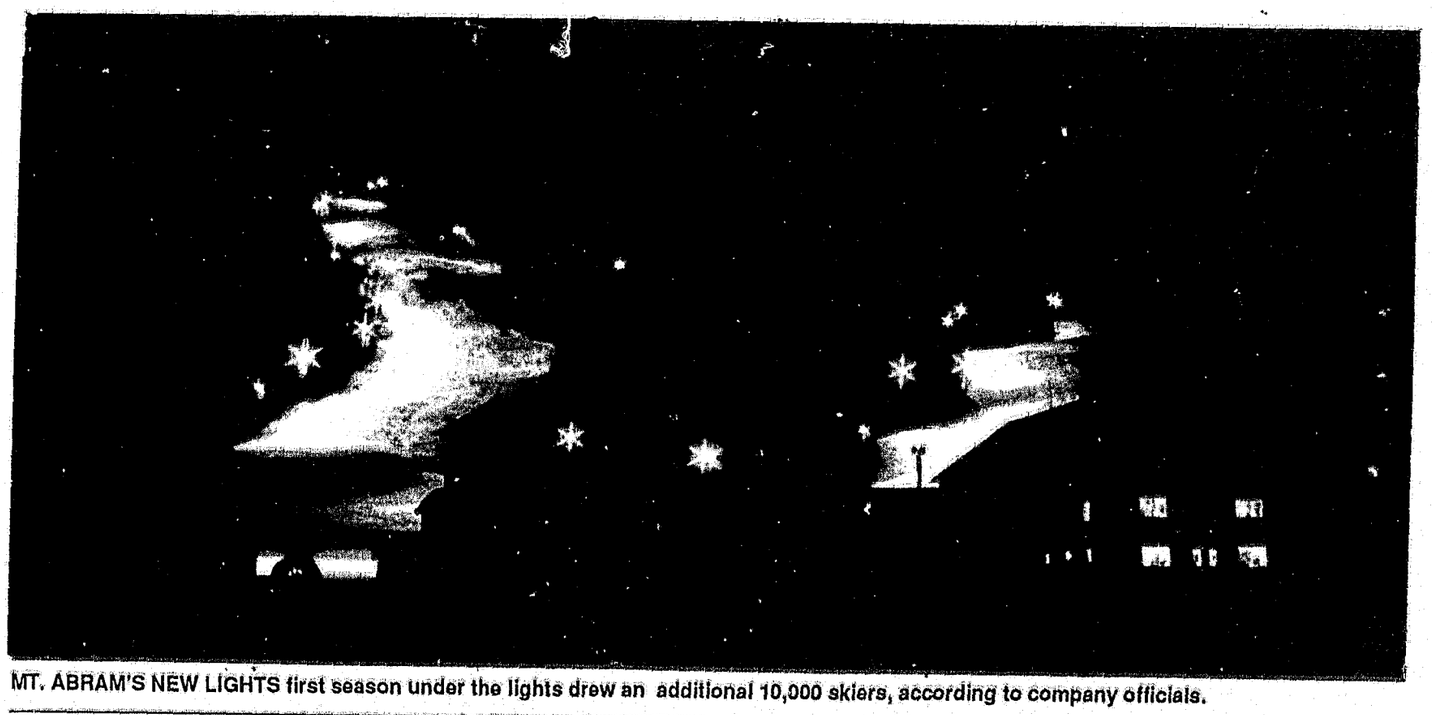
'There are lots of fishing houses on the lakes now. We were lucky and pleased to have a nice salmon given to us from our own Lake Keewaydin. It sure was good.'

ELEANOR NELSON



MT. ABRAM'S NEW LIGHTS first season under the lights drew an additional 10,000 skiers, according to company officials.

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Letters

FAX WAS A ONE-TIME THING

To the Editor:

Last January, a fax -- written on Sunday River letterhead -- was sent to a meeting planner conducting a mid-week national sales meeting at the Summit Hotel and Conference Center. The fax recommended "stopping and picking up any necessities" in Norway/South Paris "because you'll find a larger selection and better prices."

This fax was sent to one particular individual, who was attending a five-day mid-week national sales meeting at the Summit Hotel and Conference Center. Individuals who attend these types of multi-day meetings inevitably travel at odd times of the day and night. Their erratic schedules and early-morning meetings leave little time for last-minute purchasing of supplies that might be needed to conduct these meetings.

Our community here in Bethel does not offer many off-hour purchasing opportunities of business-related materials and supplies.

This fax was in no way written to harm the businesses of Bethel. It was not mass produced, and the few existing file copies have since been destroyed.

Much of the group patronized local businesses and enjoyed their stay in out town.

The town of Bethel has been and continues to be an alluring place that draws conference attendees. I apologize for any misunderstanding on the part of our local business community regarding this fax. We have always supported the local business community and will continue to do so in the future.

Skip Bennett
Director of Sales and Marketing, Summit Hotel and Conference Center

COULD USE AN ANGEL'S TOUCH

To the Editor:

The proposed pipeline route for the East Bethel Road is not reality, yet. But it's close. Here's the current scoop. The Concerned Neighbors Opposed to the Pipeline (CNOP) had our attorney prepare a document which was presented to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The purpose of the document was to influence FERC to change their decision granting P.N.G.T.S. permission to build the pipeline on the East Bethel Road. The document was a solid piece of work; call me if you want to review it. Unfortunately, FERC didn't respond. Which means the next step is to file a formal appeal, at the level of the Federal District Court. There is a mechanism to do this, and we can do it. That's the good news. But, inevitably -- a but. It is very expensive. It is likely to cost $5,000 to $10,000. We need financial help and we need it right now. We have only to Jan. 24, 1998 to file an appeal and our lawyers needs a few days lead time. After that, the pipeline will be a reality.

The CNOP had applied to the N.E. Grassroots Environmental Fund for a grant to support our organizing efforts. We got it. We used most of that money, plus some contributions from a few of us, to pay our attorneys for preparation of the document.

As part of our efforts we had prepared a petition saying we didn't want the pipeline on the East Bethel Road. One hundred sixty people signed it. That's an impressive number of people. I want to thank each of you who signed that for your support.

The Bethel Selectmen deserve the "do nothing-throw-in-the-towel" award. They offered us no support. They did little more than watch this all happen. As I told them at several meetings, the pipeline is happening "on their watch." Citizens should remember this when the trees are removed, the wetlands destroyed, the character of a neighborhood deeply disturbed, and an accident site three feet underground waiting to happen. The selectmen failed the town in general and the East Bethel community in particular.

On a positive note, a few of us, with support from many of our fellow citizens, tried to stop it, and we continue to try. Friends and neighbors, I'm proud of what we have done "on our watch."

Unless we get immediate financial help to pay for the appeal, it's over. We're the Concerned Neighbors, P.O. Box 247, Locke Mills, Me., 04217. I guess we could use an angel. Know any?

Roger Zimmerman
East Bethel

NEWRY: A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

To the Editor:

Living in a ramshackle, not quite that old farmhouse, with sometimes suffocating, but not always soul warming heat, on a no longer too quiet country road, I'm asked by friends and family: Why do I live in this sometimes small (318 strong), sometimes urbanesque (10,000 on a snowy season, cold day) divided we/them, their valley/our valley town?

On snowfalling, backbreaking hard winter shoveling mornings, with road still covered snow, and ski travelers and local work heading folks slowing to near safe speeds, with my snowplow-toting truck neighbors and friends stopping to take a snow pushing swipe, moving backbreaking snowpiles and clearing my life connecting mailbox, I know why.

Thirty hard living city snow covered streets with friendly by passers pushing snowbanks-captured cars, but never checking on less able underpaid neighbors, except for young wealth hopeful boys/girls ringing bells to offer minimal shoveling for sums beyond their years are also why.

No, even a no longer really country road, with a ramshackle, not ancient, old farmhouse beats almost city Portland living, in Maine snow winters and river cooling summers.

Rockie Graham
Newry

Next week: The Citizen will conclude our interview with Les Otten, which we are holding for a week in order to have more room for our year-end retrospective.

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ALL GROWN UP--Two Christmas trees from SAD44's Kids For Trees program were displayed at the Blaine House during the holiday season. Trees have been planted by district third graders each year since 1989, to be harvested and sold as Christmas trees when the students are seniors. The proceeds benefit Project Graduation. The first crop of trees and students reached maturity this year, with the Class of 1998. Tree sales raised a total of $300. Three seniors attended a holiday tea at the Blaine House, and are pictured here with one of the trees. From left: Amanda Jordan, Shanna Walker, Jim Chandler (of the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District) and Eben Smith.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT WILL AFFECT HOME CARE

To the Editor:

The signing of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, will soon have an impact on the care of many chronically ill, homebound patients throughout the Tri-county area. The first change to be felt is a provision revising the Medicare definition of skilled home health services which specifically excludes "venipuncture" as the sole qualifying skilled nursing service for home health care. Effective Feb. 5, 1998, this revision reflects just the first of a number of changes that will be implemented in 1998 that will affect patients needing home health services.

The elimination of venipuncture as a covered service under Medicare means that homebound patients who need to have blood brawn by a skilled nurse will no longer be eligible for this service under the new Medicare guidelines, unless there are additional reasons for skilled nursing care. As a result of this new regulation, Androscoggin Home Health Services has been forced to contact nearly 80 patients to notify them of their impending discharge from care, many of whom depended on their home care nurses to work closely with them, as well as their physicians, to monitor their medication regimen. Examples of medical conditions that require ongoing blood tests to determine the effectiveness of treatment include such chronic conditions as diabetes, heart disease, and psychiatric disorders, to mention only a few.

For many patients, particularly the frail, elderly or long-term, chronically ill, the elimination of venipuncture as a Medicare covered service will also result in the discontinuance of vitally important support services. Weekly or biweekly visits from home health aides who help patients with their personal care needs and are often the link that keeps a person in his/her own home will no longer be able to support those patients who will be discharged because of this new legislation.

According to Dr. Richard Stephenson, AHHS medical director: "This change in Medicare coverage will present significant hardship for many. We are presently working with our affected patients and/or family to help them identify alternative community resources available in their area. Transportation to physician's offices or hospital labs to get their blood brawn will be a challenge for nearly all the patients who have been identified as losing this benefit. As the sole 'qualifying' service, venipuncture enables certain homebound patients to obtain necessary home health aide assistance to provide personal care or for volunteers to help with shopping and errands. For these patients, the recent changes have much more serious implications and may mean the difference between staying home or entering a nursing home. It is our opinion that this new regulation reflects a hasty decision on the part of legislators in reaction to escalating home health care costs without much thought of the consequences to homebound patients and their families, particularly those in rural states such as Maine with limited community resources. We are in the process of contacting our legislators to express our concern regarding the impact of this decision. We are also encouraging our patients and their families to do likewise."

Shirley M. Powell
Community Relations Manager, AHHS

Maine's Bingo Queen

By MIKE BROWN

Maine may not be quite ready for the primetime Maine Clean Election Act although it has until July 1, 1999, before the comprehensive and utterly confusing, law becomes effective.

The commission riding shotgun for the Act, ethics and election practices, is still groping for answers to present problems as to what is or is not political free speech, legal fund-raising activities, the parameters of constitutional First Amendments and who's on election third base and about to steal home.

The commission has just finished, well, almost, the case of Maine's Bingo Queen, or so former state representative, Annette Hoglund, said "was something I never wanted."

It all started in March when the Casco Bay Weekly's Al Diamon did what he and the alternative newspaper do best, people bashing for only bashing's sake to sell newspapers.

Hoglund and family own Yankee Bingo in Portland. A friend suggested to Hoglund, who was twice defeated by Republican Tom Gieringer and was going to run again in 1998, that she could legally raise campaign contributions using bingo game proceeds. After a check with the ethics commission and state police she was told she could.

There is, however, a major difference of opinion between Hoglund and commission director Marilyn Canavan about the method of reporting campaign funds from bingo games. Hoglund said that she was told to report profits; Canavan says she always tells candidates to report total gross fund-raising amounts.

The Casco Bay Weekly's story about Hoglund insinuated that Hoglund was in violation of election practices law. Hoglund said, "The first I knew about it was when Diamon called me and said that the ethics commission was coming down on me."

Hoglund's lawyer, William Cote, said his client "has been flogged in the public square by the Portland paper's article" and that she had done nothing wrong. The commission staff report said that campaign material was displayed in the bingo halls and was printed on each ticket and therefore there was no question but the bingo games were a political fund-raiser for Hoglund.

Hoglund did not deny that they were, except that she should report only the profits from the games and not the gross income on her campaign committee reports.

The difference was considerable. The commission requested the state auditor's department do an audit on Hoglund's bingo games which it did. It showed that the gross income was $1,058,999; cash prizes paid out $769,969; expenses $284,050; and net income of $4,980.

Hoglund insisted that the games were legal, that is, licensed as a fund-raiser by the state police, and the reporting of only profits satisfied the election law. Commission director Canavan said there was no statutory basis either expressly or by inference that overhead expenses may be deducted from the amount received by a candidate in reporting campaign receipts.

The uniqueness of fund-raising by bingo also begs the question that if a person buys more than five $10 tickets to a fund-raiser/bingo game during an election period, should not that individual be named as a $50 contributor under the present law? Hoglund said she kept no list of names: "It would be impossible," she said. (Her attorney, Cote, said in November that there was a list of player's names but didn't know where it was. In December he recanted.

Hoglund said people attended her bingo games for recreation not because they wanted to contribute to her political campaign. "Bingo players are in a different world...they have no loyalty...they move around even if they don't like the way you wear your hair...they don't necessarily play in my bingo parlor because they support my politics, they play to win prizes."

Hoglund told the commission in middle December that she was just tired of the whole thing. It had cost her much aggravation and $5,000 in attorney fees. "You tell me what to do, how to do it, how to file it and I'll do it," she said.

The commission voted to have Hoglund amend her bingo game reports to reflect the gross receipts from her games and all the transactions associated with the staging of the games. And that if the commission finds the reports do not substantially conform then at that time it will decide whether late filing penalties will be assessed.

Perhaps at least from the bingo case political candidates will know they must report every nickel of every fund-raiser and not just the so-called profits.

(Veteran newsman and columnist Mike Brown writes regularly on the Augusta political scene. His views are his own and do not necessarily reflect those of The Citizen.)

OUR BACK PAGES

Compiled by POLLY DAVIS

10 years ago: Canadian natural gas began flowing through the pipeline through West Bethel. This pipeline was originally used for oil.

The Rostay Motor Inn in Bethel and The Gingerbread House Bakery in Woodstock were winners in the business category, and the Dan Davis family in Locke Mills and Jo Ann Crockett in Bethel won in the residence category in the area-wide Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Jennie Mae Wheeler won the Care Bear, made by Jean Blanchard, that was raffled off by the Bethel Area Health Center.

Greg and Robin Fraser, with daughter Naomi, portrayed the Holy Family at the Living Nativity held on Bethel Common.

The new Jack Frost Ski Shop opened on Sunday River access road.

Birth: Patrick Beaton.

Deaths: Carl Cash, Isabel Croteau.

20 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Fales were severely beaten by juveniles in their home in Dorchester, Mass. Mrs. Fales was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kimball of Middle Intervale and a sister of Mrs. Edith Howe of East Bethel.

The Opera House, across from the Bethel Inn at the top of Mill Hill (now Opera House Condominiums), announced it would be holding a grand opening of the Balcony Room.

Deaths: Amy Chadbourne, Martha Scott, Lyle Martin, Wayne Bennett.

30 years ago: Mush and Pearline McMillin gave the Bethel Senior Citizens a guided bus tour around all Bethel streets and surrounding areas to view Christmas decorations.

Paula Poor was selected as DAR representative from Andover.

Leland Brown was County Chapter chairman for the March of Dimes.

Death: V. Foster Hutchins.

40 years ago: Rodney Harrington was doing research and studying for his Ph.D. degree at New South Wales University, Australia, in preparation for a teaching career in agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Dunham of Locke Mills and Chester Bean of Bryant Pond were chosen winners of the Locke Mills, Bryant Pond Residential Christmas Decorating Contest.

Chester F. Cummings of Hanover was critically injured in a collision with a Groveton Oil Company trailer truck at the intersection of Church and Railroad streets (Routes 2-26-5), Bethel.

Deaths: Howard Maxim, Della Smith.

50 years ago: One of the loveliest pre-Christmas parties was held at the little school house on Sunday River, sponsored by Mrs. Roland Fleet.

Richard Carter was elected master of Alder River Grange.

The latest young people's pictures printed in the Bethel Citizen's "Our Citizens of Tomorrow" were: Sharon York, Jeffery Hutchins, Carol and Billy Keoskie, Margery Rowe, Trafton Foster and Garey Dow.

John Compass resigned as night policeman due to ill health and Asa Smith was appointed his replacement.

Rebecca Bailey was initiated as a member of Thorn Rune of the American College Quill Club (a national creative writing club).

Birth: Linda Bartlett.

Deaths: Althea Morrill, Mary Kimball, Joseph Leonard.

100 years ago: The West Bethel Minstrel Club held a concert at Bean's Hall.

Very cold weather with little snow was reported.

Santa Claus distributed peanuts to the children at the Universalist Church.

Death: Daniel Wheeler.

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Briefly

Another night out for hikers, wardens

BACHELDERS GRANT--Two hikers found their way to safety Monday morning after spending the night on East Royce Mountain. Norman Houle, 43, of Biddeford and Glenn Vaillancourt, 35, of Saco had hiked from Route 113 Sunday morning on what was to be an eight-hour trip up one side of the mountain and down the other. They could not, however, find trail junction markers on the mountain. The hikers then spent most of the night retracing their route. Houle's wife notified wardens that the pair was missing Sunday night. Several wardens hiked up the mountain on the trail they believed Houle and Vaillancourt had used. But the hikers had taken a different route. The two men, who were equipped for cold weather and had lights, emerged on their own at about 6 a.m. Monday morning. The wardens returned about four hours later, after an exhausting hike in steep terrain.

Seven hurt in two accidents

NEWRY/BETHEL--Accidents on the Sunday River Road on successive nights Monday and Tuesday sent a total of seven people to the hospital. On Monday, two cars collided head-on when one tried to turn left into a ski shop parking lot. The drivers were residents of Massachusetts and Connecticut, respectively. They and their passengers were taken to Stephens Memorial Hospital and treated and released. On Tuesday night, Seth Gagnon, 16, of Raymond was injured when his car slid from the Barker Mountain Road onto the Sunday River Road -- and into the path of an oncoming truck. He was taken to Rumford Community Hospital with a head injury, and was reported to be in stable condition.

Bike path application submitted

NEWRY--Selectmen have submitted what they say is the town's biggest grant application ever, to try to get funding for the construction of bike paths on the Sunday River Road. The application is for $195,000, and would be added to a $65,000 share from the town. Selectman Steve Wight will speak for the town regarding the application at a Regional Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in Norway Jan. 8. Newry is competing with seven other towns for grant money. If Newry were to receive the funds, MDOT would begin construction on the paths in the spring.

South Arm Road to get power

ANDOVER--The South Arm Road will be getting electricity soon, after selectmen approved a Central Maine Power Co. application for 101 poles on the five and a half miles of the road in Andover. Several residents had petitioned CMP to provide power to the road, which has seven year-round homes. Several residents refused to sign the petition. Wendy Green said bringing power would negatively affect the character of the road, because more people will move in.

Andover hearing is next week

ANDOVER--Selectmen will hold a public hearing Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall to discuss about two dozen items for the March Town Meeting. Among them is the topic of how to raise $67,000 to make up for an error in the computation of the town's tax rate.

Town reimbursed for derailment costs

GREENWOOD--The St. Lawrence & Atlantic Railroad has reimbursed Greenwood for $6,000 expenses associated with the Oct. 5 train derailment near the Little Androscoggin. Expenses included wages for firefighters, food, the use of trucks and other equipment, and workers compensation insurance.

A view to die for

NORWAY--Norway expects to build a 1,000-plot cemetery on land it will acquire off Route 118, approximately 5 miles from the village. The 13-acre, hillside site overlooks Hobb's Pond, and is described by Cemetery Committee chairwoman Rowena Palmer as "gorgeous." The town has a $6,400 deposit on the property, which is selling for $64,000. A cemetery master plan will be developed by landscape architects Grever & Ward Inc. of Orchard Park, N.Y., and will likely go to the Planning Board next spring.

Black Mountain is open

RUMFORD--Black Mountain of Maine opened for the ski season on Friday, Dec. 26. The Grand Opening of the area's new tubing park will be Saturday, Jan. 3. Black Mountain will offer a variety of ski/snowboarding lessons and competition programs throughout the season.

Local woman joins 6,000-mile trek

ONTARIO--Maggie Annat, an instructor with Outward Bound in Newry, is taking part in the 6,000-mile Dog Trek 97-98 Expedition currently crossing North America from the Atlantic to the Bering Sea. Annat is accompanying Wendy Smith of Britain, a survivor of Hodgkins Lymphoma. Smith is leading the trek to bring hope and inspiration to cancer sufferers, and to raise funds for British, Canadian and American Cancer charities. The trek team is seeking sponsors for the 20 sled huskies on the trip. It costs approximately $400 for each dog to make the trek. Anyone wishing to contribute may send donations to Dog Trek 97-98, c/o Joan Daniels, HC 52 Box 8621, Bird Creek, Alaska, 99540. For cancer fund donations, mail to Maine Childrens' Cancer Program, 100 U.S. Route 1, Scarborough, ME.

Teen license requirements tightened

CONCORD, N.H.--Teenagers between the ages of 16 and 18 must wait 90 days after getting their license before they can drive without being accompanied by an adult, under a law taking effect Jan. 1. The adult must be at least 25 years old. The law also bars teens from driving between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m. until they reach age 18.

Snowmo group won't maintain trail

LANCASTER, N.H.--A Vermont snowmobile group has backed out of plans to help maintain a major trail that runs through both New Hampshire and Vermont. The Commerce Trail opened last season between northern New Hampshire and Vermont. The 228-mile trail runs on both sides of the Connecticut River. Snowmobile groups in both states have been maintaining the trails and bridges. But a spokesman for the Vermont Association of Snowmobile Travelers said keeping the trail open was too much work for his group. Lancaster was one of many contributors to a $200,000 snowmobile bridge added to the Route 2 bridge over the river two years ago.

Is record gone with the wind?

MT. WASHINGTON, N.H.--Don't change the record books just yet. It was reported recently that on Dec. 17, Mt. Washington's wind speed record was broken by a wind gust during a typhoon on Guam. But there has been no official claim of a record filed with the National Weather Service regarding the reported 236-mile-per-hour gust. If observers on Guam do lay claim to a record, the National Extremes Committee of the weather service must meet to consider it. Any instrument used to measure the gust would also have to be tested in a wind tunnel. Mt. Washington's record of 231 m.p.h. was set on April 12, 1934.

Temple Mt. closes

MILFORD, N.H.--For the first time in 60 years, there will be no skiing at Temple Mountain. The ski area has more than $1.4 million in debts, including seven years of unpaid property taxes to three towns. Many area skiers hope the mountain will reopen next winter.

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From the Bethel Police log:

Snowmobiler takes Xmas Eve joyride

At 12:30 a.m. on Dec. 24 police received a call from dispatch regarding a snowmobile speeding down Main Street. It failed to stop when the officer signaled it to do so. It made a second pass at 50 miles per hour, and then drove out of sight. Police requested that the Sheriff's Office notify a game warden.

At 8 a.m. an off-duty officer reported that while he was slowing down to turn into a business on Route 2, his vehicle was struck by several large pieces of ice and snow, which fell from the roof of a passing tractor trailer. The windshield was cracked and a wiper broken.

At 9:56 p.m. police summonsed Jennifer Spencer, 23, of Bethel for operating after suspension. Police had stopped her vehicle for a defective tail light. Her license had been suspended for failure to pay a fine.

Sunday, Dec. 28

At 2:13 a.m. a subject was stopped on Route 2 for having no rear license plate. A check showed his right to operate in New Hampshire had been suspended. Chad R. Blais, 24, of Berlin, N.H. was arrested and transported to the Oxford County Jail. He was processed, summonsed and held in lieu of bail.

At 10:15 p.m. Bethel Rescue requested police to come to the ambulance barn for a minor who had consumed a large amount of liquor. On arrival, police found the subject was passed out in the front seat of the vehicle that had brought him to the ambulance barn. Witnesses said he had come to a residence intoxicated, and had passed out and fallen on some ice, splitting his head open. Rescue transported him to Stephens Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Monday, Dec. 29

At 1:40 p.m. police responded to a call regarding a man down on Route 2. The man had slipped while snow blowing his yard, and struck his head. The officer conducted traffic control until the ambulance departed.

This report highlights points of interest from the Bethel Police Department log, but does not include all reports of police activity. To reach the Bethel Police Department, call 911 in emergency situations, 824-3437 in non-emergencies. An answering machine takes calls when an officer is not in the office.

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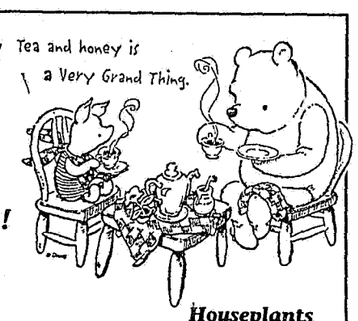

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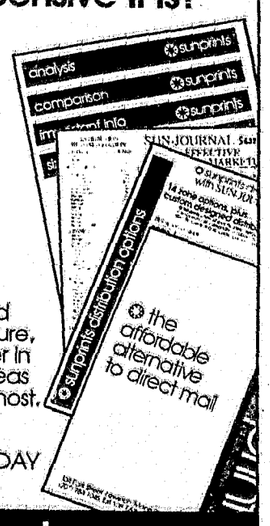

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the company's product had been stronger for much of 1997.

"We're quite busy," he said.

Wood products is a traditional business facing a new problem -- increased global competition.

"We're in a global economy now, with tremendous pressure from imports," said Leon Favreau, co-owner of Bethel Furniture Stock.

Such pressure, Favreau said, led his firm to undertake major structural changes, including downsizing and other cost-reduction measures, and changing production lines and the types of tree species utilized as raw material.

"You really have to attend to business these days," he said.

It's story that is sure to become very familiar as the new millennium opens.

Recreation grows

The great outdoors continued over the past year to draw business here, and by year's end it appeared the Bethel area was also on its way to becoming the technology and job hub for a nationwide ski and resort network.

The 1996-97 ski season did not post record skier numbers (breaking Sunday River's string of record-breaking seasons), but the season still saw 550,000 skier visits (the second highest number), and many of those skiers and their business spilled over into town.

The summer tourism season that followed was very strong, as was the start of the current ski season.

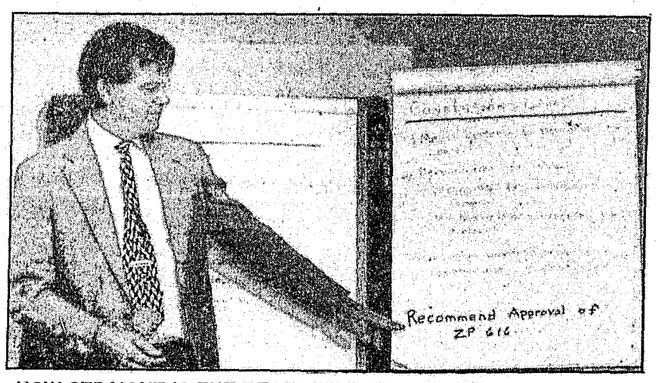
ASC goes public

The biggest local ski business news of the year was in fact a national story. In November the American Skiing Company issued a successful $260 million stock offering.

The proceeds were used to underwrite the purchase of two western resorts: Steamboat in Colorado and Heavenly in California, and to restructure the company's debt.

The local impact of the move is likely to be felt most in the area of jobs.

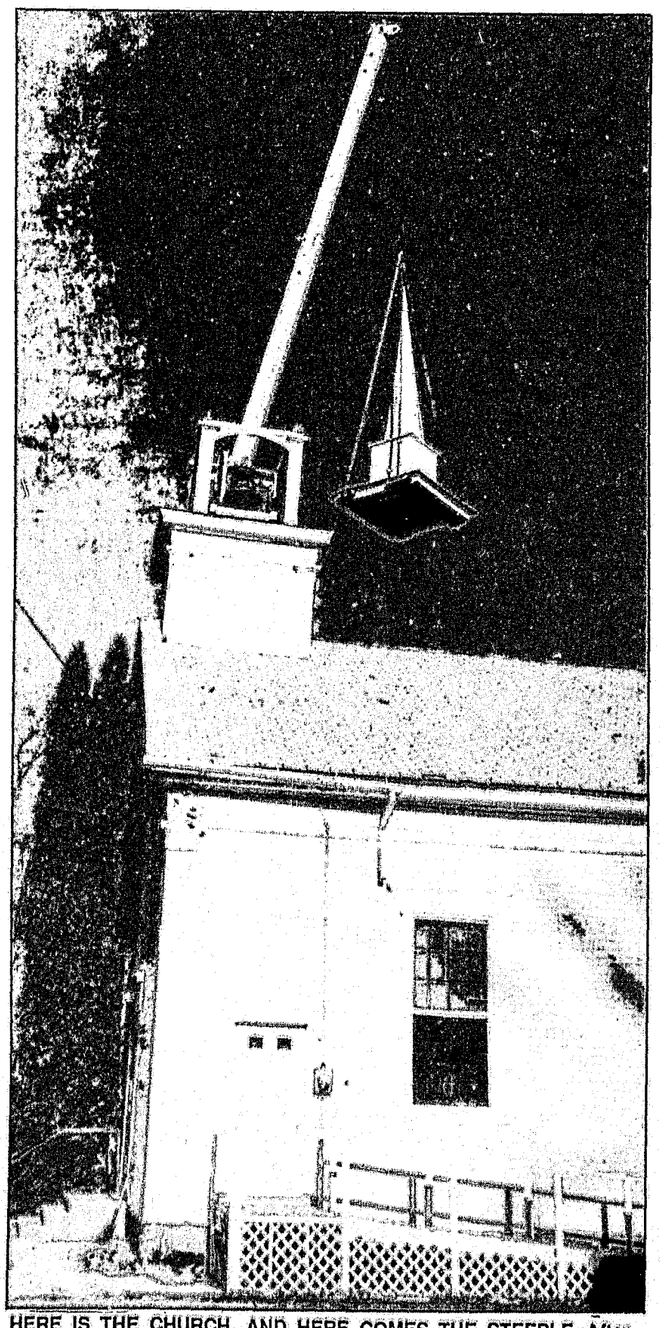
Thanks in large part to technology, much of the marketing and administration for ASC's nine resorts nationwide (and 5,000,000 annual skier visits) can be handled from right here in Bethel.



HOW STRAIGHT IS THE REASONING OF THE LURC STAFF? If you live in Albany, it looks about as twisted as executive director John Williams' tie.

`With the cloud of confusion dissipated the question returns to its rather simple state--is allowing the development of a 2,000 seat bingo hall in Albany in keeping with the character and developmental trends of the region, does it fill needs held by citizens of the region, and will it be in the best interest of the region and its people? If considered in proper regional context, the answer to each of those questions must be "No."'

DUTCH DRESSER
Chair of Bethel Board of Selectmen.



HERE IS THE CHURCH, AND HERE COMES THE STEEPLE--After spending the last six months sitting on the ground for repairs and repainting, the steeple of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church was hoisted back in place in early December.

HOIST THAT BOTTLE, BOYS

'The First Congregational Church reminds all cookie bakers that they will hold the annual Cookie Walk during Olde Home Days. Many dozens of cookies are needed.'

KAREN MCKAY

What's new? A quick tour

A visitor to the area, one who had not been here since the beginning of the year, would find much new to meet the eye on New Year's Day 1998.

Coming up Route 26 from the south, the visitor would note that the long-abandoned Locke Mills Marketplace was now bustling again, not as a grocery store but as a factory outlet for Maine Line Products.

Just west of Locke Mills, a new sign notes the highway has been dedicated to Air Force Capt. Carl L. Churchill, who died in Laos in 1970.

A few miles up the road, just before the vistor would enter Bethel, another indication of a healthy economy comes into view: a proliferation of blue MDOT business signs, including a large one directing visitors to turn right toward Sunday River Ski Resort--and away from Bethel village. (A moratorium is currently in force on such signs, and a town committee is working on a proposal for an alternative way of handling business signage.)

Visitors who do take the right toward Sunday River will pass one area of town where much change was expected but little has occurred: Bethel Station.

The long-stalled project got a new general manager in March, when Cape Cod developer David Oppenheim replaced Heinie Merrill, the beleaguered general manager who had overseen the project from its inception.

Oppenheim promised to breath new life into the project, but the year saw only one new tenant -- The W.J Wheeler insurance agency, which had been displaced from its Cole Block office space.

And over the course of the year the project lost two tenants: Rick's Deli and the Sunday River Ski Train.

There was no new building construction in Bethel Station during 1997 (the insurance office moved into existing space in the Norway Savings Bank building), and the project's signature element in the minds of many people remains the large piles of dirt and fill at the entrance.

'We've talked to old friends we haven't talked to in years. It's been wonderful.'

Ginny Cole,
on the Internet

There has, however, been much visible activity across the street from the other end of Bethel Station Parkway, where the site work has been completed for a 11,000-square-foot Rite Aid store, which is scheduled to be open by summer.

Continuing on toward Sunday River, the visitor might note that the long-discussed snowmobile bridge over the Androscoggin River, and the bike path leading to it, have not yet materialized (thought officials and volunteers are hard at work on a financing package).

And further on in Mayville, just past Don's Car Care (now completing its first year in business), the visitor passes the site of proposed elderly housing project that never got past the initial planning stages.

But further along, as Sunday River nears, the visible signs of activity again pick up.

The most notable change on this stretch is the new Great Grizzly restaurant, which sits prominently on a knoll, backed by the skiway's White Heat trail.

The site of the Great Grizzly is the former Bean homestead. That historic farmhouse is now gone, as is the home of Mary Morin, located just up the street.

A new mini-mall, with a post office, now occupies that lot.

The visitor who turns left toward the skiway soon passes a large clearing, across from the Sunday River Inn and Cross-Country ski area. The clearing is slated to be the site of a condominium development.

But if the visitor opts instead to continue out the Sunday River Road, and then on to the Monkey Brook Road, they encounter the most spectacular of this year's developments: a new three mile road leading to the Jordan Grand Resort Hotel, which sits in the heart of Jordan Bowl, a spectacular area that up until a few years ago very few visitors to the area ever saw.

BILL MARSHALL AND CAMDEN BURKE, in disguise.

Not all the visible changes of the past year were business related.

In the village, Gould Academy is constructing a new dining hall behind Gehring Hall.

And far from the paved paths of the automobile, well out in the woods in fact, the former fire tower at the top of Speck Mountain has been rebuilt and once again offers hikers perhaps the best of all possible views of this part of the world.

'I have no intention of making money off people's addiction.'

ERIC ALTVATER,
Passamaquoddy Lt. Gov. speaking of alcohol, not gambling

Environmental record is muddied in 1997

Water and light pollution, rabies, a moose hunt, lost hikers.

1997 was a busy year in the great outdoors.

River woes

Human effort has helped improve the health of the Androscoggin River by undoing the harm caused by pollution over the years. But in 1997, it was human error along the area's smaller rivers that demonstrated how quickly the good health of waterways can be put back into jeopardy.

During the spring and summer, erosion from construction of Sunday River Ski Resort's Jordan Bowl Access Road turned the Sunday River brown -- and prompted many residents to complain to the Department of Environmental Protection.

'They didn't try to cover it up.'

WILL COOK
DEP environmental specialist, on Sunday River's Jordan Bowl erosion problem

Construction of the 3.6-mile road, leading to the new Jordan Grand Resort Hotel, had begun last winter. But in May and June, a combination of melting ground frost, spring rain and the fact that the road passed through clay banks contributed to sand and silt washing into the river.

The skiway and its contractor, A.J. Coleman of Conway, N.H., tried to control the erosion by spreading 18,000 hay bales on the site. Still, enough sediment drained into the river that DEP officials worried it might increase algal growth, raise water temperatures and decrease oxygen levels, which in turn could harm fish and other aquatic life.

DEP decided to fine the skiway. At year's end, the terms of an expected consent decree had not been finalized.

The Sunday River's own natural tendency to change its course also prompted action by some riverside residents. They have watched their land eaten up over the years by the river's meanders.

Late in the summer, some landowners came together to discuss options for saving their land. With help from the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District and the state, plans are in the works to obtain permits for some landowners to remove debris, such as downed trees, from the river. The debris had played a role in redirecting the river.

A study of the river's fisheries is also planned for the spring, to determine what effect further action might have on the ecology of the river.

What had the potential to be a more immediate threat to a local river -- and its nearby residents -- occurred in late October, when an early-evening train wreck sent two railcars down an embankment into the Little Androscoggin River, near the Woodstock/West Paris town line.

A tanker car carrying liquid propane also derailed. Other cars carried chloride, caustic soda and sulfuric acid.

Emergency management officials at first feared the worst. The area within a mile of the site -- including West Paris Village -- was evacuated during the night.

But fortunately, the cars carrying hazardous substances did not puncture. Nonetheless, the experience served as a reminder of how quickly environmental disaster can strike, and prompted emergency officials to re-evaluate their response plans in such situations.

In a more unusual pollution issue, residents of the Alcohol Mary Road in Greenwood objected when AT&T installed white, flashing strobe lights on a nearby communications tower. The lights penetrated into some homeowners' living rooms.

Through the efforts of one resident, Libby Sciacchitano, AT&T was persuaded to change the night time lights to flashing, non-strobe red -- and Schiacchitano and her neighbors had their dark night sky back.

Moose, rabies and trees

Other outdoors-related topics in the news in 1997 included the area's first moose hunt, the further spread of rabies and the defeat of Maine's forest compact.

The prospect of a one-week moose hunt in early October, during the height of foliage season, had some people worried that mixing leafpeepers and hunters would be bad for business -- and possibly downright dangerous.

As it turned out, no incidents between hunters and tourists were reported. But Bethel Express, which operates moose tours in the area, said the animals disappeared during the hunt.

Rabies, which had worked its way into the area about a year ago, continued to spread during 1997. Multiple incidents of contact between wild and domestic animals -- mostly dogs and foxes or raccoons, respectively -- were reported.

In the last two months of 1997, contact between infected wild animals and domestic animals seemed to taper off. The Bethel Animal Hospital reported they did not receive any calls from pet owners reporting such problems.

The forest home of many wild animals was in the news in the fall, with the second season of debate on Maine's timber-harvesting regulations. An attempt to further regulate the harvest fell short with the election-day defeat of the Forest Compact.

AS MUD SEASONS GO, 1997 was a mess.

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ne compact had been seen by ie as a compromise between d-line environmentalists and se in the wood industry. Al-ugh the ballot question lost nar-ly statewide, it was defeated by our-to-one margin in this year, ere many people make their ng in wood-related businesses. he issue still may not have been to rest, as the Legislature has ore it another round of proposed ulatory bills.

Survival

he experience of several hikers in the year proved that while ther Nature can be regulated, cannot always be predicted.

December, three Auburn agers survived sub-zero condi-s on Old Speck in Grafton tch after they lost their bearings a snow squall while day-hiking. y spent the night in a small e, and were able to walk out on ir own the next morning. One suffered severe frostbite to his s.

hree days before year's end, two thern Maine day hikers also nt an unexpected night out in id weather, on East Royce untain.

hey had been unable to locate markers in the deep snow on mountain, and were forced to back. Retracing their steps took night.

hey were, however, better ipped than the teen hikers, and erged on their own, in good pe, at daybreak.

NTL celebrates, facilitates

he National Training Laboratory the town of Bethel celebrated a -year affiliation in 1997 -- and ked to the future at a Com-nity Conference held late in the ir.

he NTL organization, which of-s training in small group interac-n to business and other groups, ne to Bethel in 1947. Members townspeople joined together for weekend-long anniversary ebration in July.

hat gathering was followed in vember by a more work-oriented mmunity Conference, in which TL played a key organizational e.

Focusing on the Bethel area

n April of this year, NTL repre-tatives and area residents laid ns for the conference, which was ended to bring together organiza-ns and resources and identify mmunity needs and possible jects.

NTL had facilitated two earlier nferences, in 1987 and 1991. veral organizations, such as the ahoosuc Land Trust and the ahoosuc Arts Council, were awned from the 1991 gathering.

The 1997 version was held on v. 18, and drew approximately 0 participants from the Bethel ea.

Among the projects coming out of conference: create an organiza-n, possibly a growth council, to ract new business to the area; ex-nd the District Exchange services help those in need; promote un-rstanding of diversity; set up a mmunity center for use by all es; expand cultural and art offer-gs in the area; establish a gradu-ed living center for seniors. work rther on the Bethel recreation th, set up an advocacy gorup in pport of education-related issues.

Several committees were formed work on the projects as a result the gathering. Representatives of ose groups are expected to come gether again to report on their ogress in February or March.

'A small rural police department in Foxwood, Conn. went from answering 400 calls a year to 16,000 when their area Indian reservation was turned into a gambling mecca.'

GREGORY VILA
Long Island, N.Y., police officer and part-time Albany resident

A growth year for nonprofits

1997 was a very profitable year for two area nonprofit organizations -- the Whitman Memorial Library in Woodstock and the Greenwood Historial Society, as they raised tens of thousands of dollars for expansion projects.

And a third nonprofit organization -- the Bethel Historical Society -- took a major step in its own expansion program.

In July, the Whitman Library received a donation of $40,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The contribution was given in support of the library's $120,000 expansion project, designed to double the library's size and provide space for activities including children's story hour and meetings.

Prior to the King gift, Woodstock had raised $40,000 of its own money.

The King donation came with an offer of another $20,000, if townspeople can raise enough to match that amount by the summer of 1998.

Fundraising has been underway ever since. At year's end, the matching fund stood at $8,200. If the fundraising effort falls short, selectmen may consider holding a special Town Meeting prior to the deadline to vote on raising the difference through taxes.

While Woodstock worked to meet the King's challenge, a quieter -- but equally successful -- fundraising effort was also going on in neighboring Greenwood.

The members of the Greenwood Historical Society were seeking donations to allow them to purchase the former Donald Bennett home on Route 26, adjacent to the society's current meeting building.

Members planned to use the Bennett property to display and store the many artifacts it has collected over the years.

The purchase price of the property was $49,000. The society took $20,000 out of its own funds, sold promissory notes, and solicited outright donations to raise the additional $30,000 needed.

They reached that goal late in the year, and were scheduled to close on the property tomorrow (Jan. 2). The society will hold its first meeting of 1998 in the Bennett home on Jan. 7.

The Bethel Historical Society will also expand to an adjacent building. In June, the society signed a purchase-and-sale agreement with the Bethel Inn and Country Club to acquire the Elms building. A closing is expected in early February.

The purchase price of the building is $300,000. The society has undertaken a three-year capital campaign with a goal of raising $900,000.

Fundraising efforts are currently closing in on the $80,000 mark, according to Dr. Stan Howe, president of the society.

The Elms, currently used by the inn for guests, will be adapted by the society for use as a research center and museum for regional and local history.

Another Bethel institution, Gould Academy, is currently expanding its dining facilities by constructing a new dining hall. The hall, located behind Gehring Hall, is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1998.

SHIFRA ADLER, Gould '00

Town office attrition rate drops

The past year proved to be quieter on the municipal-personnel front than 1996 -- which had seen the firing of long-term Bethel town clerk Merton Brown and the resignation of Greenwood's first town manager in the face of Massachusetts embezzlement charges.

But 1997 was nonetheless a year of change in Bethel, which ended the year with a new town manager, and chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and with the prospect of the chief of police being dismissed.

The year opened with Madeleine Henley serving as town manager, but on a provisional basis. Henley, who had been town manager since 1990, announced in December she would be leaving to take a position in North Carolina.

'Get your shots up to date, because it's here.'

ALAN FLEET
Newry dog officer, on rabies

But within days of her announcement, her position in North Carolina was eliminated, and after some negotiations she agreed to remain on the job here temporarily, in order to allow her to continue her job search and the town to get started on its search for a new manager.

In May Henley announced she would be going to work for the insurance company servicing the Maine Municipal Association risk pool; and that same month the town selectmen announced that Phil Tarr, a veteran town manager from the nearby Lakes Region, would take over for Henley.

Tarr's municipal experience includes serving from 1980 to 1984 as town manager in Bridgton and from 1984 to 1990 as town manager in Harrison. From 1990 to 1995 he was executive director of the Maine Harness Racing Commission.

Shortly after Tarr came on the job, the chair of the Bethel Board of Selectmen also changed.

At June's annual Town Meeting, Reggie Brown, chairman of the town Planning Board, ousted selectman Rick Whitney. And at the first meeting of the board following the election Dutch Dresser was elected chairman, replacing Bob Chadbourne.

By year's end another possible change was also looming. In November town Police Chief Dale Bellman was suspended (with pay) by Tarr.

The reasons for the suspension were not made public, but they apparently involved complaints lodged by a citizen and an employee of the Police Department.

Tarr was originally scheduled to decide by Dec. 2 what further disciplinary action, if any, to take against Bellman, but subsequent meetings and negotiations followed and by year's end Bellman's fate was still uncertain.

In other municipal changes, Greenwood selectman Harry Swan announced in September he was stepping down from the board.

A lifelong resident of the town, Swan had served it in a number of positions. He was stepping down because he planned to move to South Paris.

Greenwood also learned in 1997 that it had not escaped unscathed from the alleged larcenous tendencies of Liz Lavalette. An audit following her resignation eventually found more than $20,000 in town funds missing.

Lavalette was indicted for stealing the Greenwood money. The charges against her in Maine are still pending, and have been extended to cover her husband.

In Massachusetts, where her legal problems began, she was eventually sentenced to three to five years in prison, for stealing $59,100 from the town where she had worked before coming to Maine and another $1,100 from a Boy Scout troop there.

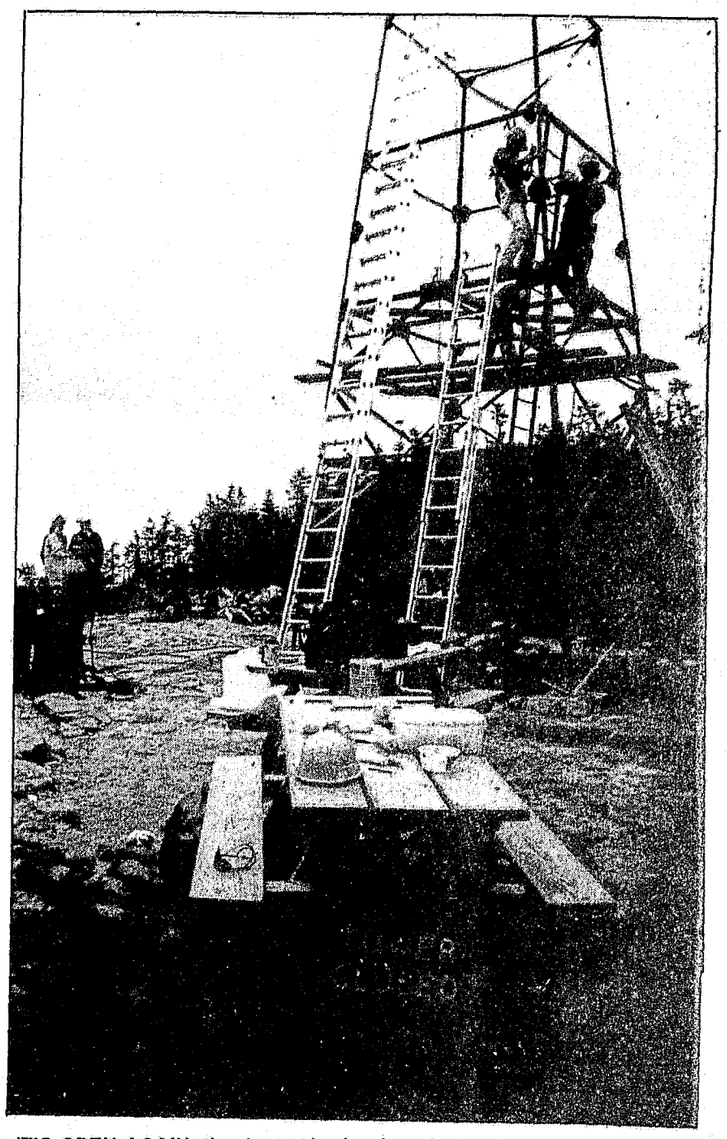
In Woodstock voters apparently decided that not all change is for the good. At their annual Town Meeting voters dropped term limits for Planning Board members.

The term limits had been adopted in 1987, but opponents -- after two failed tries -- eventually convinced voters that term limits cost the Planning Board valuable experience and forced members to spend an inordinate amount of time bringing new members up to speed.

In Andover, an electrical fire in January caused $15,000 damage to the Town Office, but further damage was limited by quick action by the town's volunteer firemen.

'Vada Glover of Rumford visited Ruth Cummings of the Bethel House on Tuesday. They played cribbage as usual and then went to lunch at Freddie's in Rumford, after which they visited Amy and Roger Hanscom.'

PHYLLIS DOCK



IT'S OPEN AGAIN, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and some hard cash from the loon plate fund. And the view's terrific.

Newry gets its new post office

The United States Postal Service put its stamp on 1997 by moving the Newry Post Office out of a store on the Bear River side of town and into a mini-mall closer to Sunday River Ski Resort.

But in Bethel the postal service failed to deliver on its plan to start work on a new Main Street post office.

The new Newry Post Office opened just before Christmas, in 2,900 square feet of space in Sunday River Crossing, a mini-mall near the intersection of the Sunday River Road and the Sunday River Access Road.

The postal service had originally intended to expand the post office at its previous location in the Bear River Store.

But those plans changed in late 1996, after Bethel residents successfully opposed a plan to move the Bethel Post Office to new and expanded space in Bethel Station.

Instead the postal service agreed to leave the Bethel office at its present Main Street location -- where it can be expanded, but not to the extent that would have been possible at Bethel Station.

An expanded facility in Bethel Station would have provided the postal service with the space it said it needed to handle the increasing volume of main in Bethel -- much of it generated by Sunday River Ski Resort.

No action in Bethel

As 1996 drew to a close, a postal service real-estate specialist said he hoped construction on a new Bethel Post Office. could begin by early summer.

That did not happen.

The Bethel Post Office is currently located in the Naimey Building, across the parking lot from the Bethel Foodliner.

The building was purchased at foreclosure auction in 1996 by Carl Glidden, owner of the grocery store.

In May Glidden submitted a plan to the town Planning Board -- with postal service approval -- for tearing down the Naimey Building and building a new post office in the rear of the grocery store parking lot.

The Planning Board, however, balked at the plan, and expressed strong support for instead renovating the present building.

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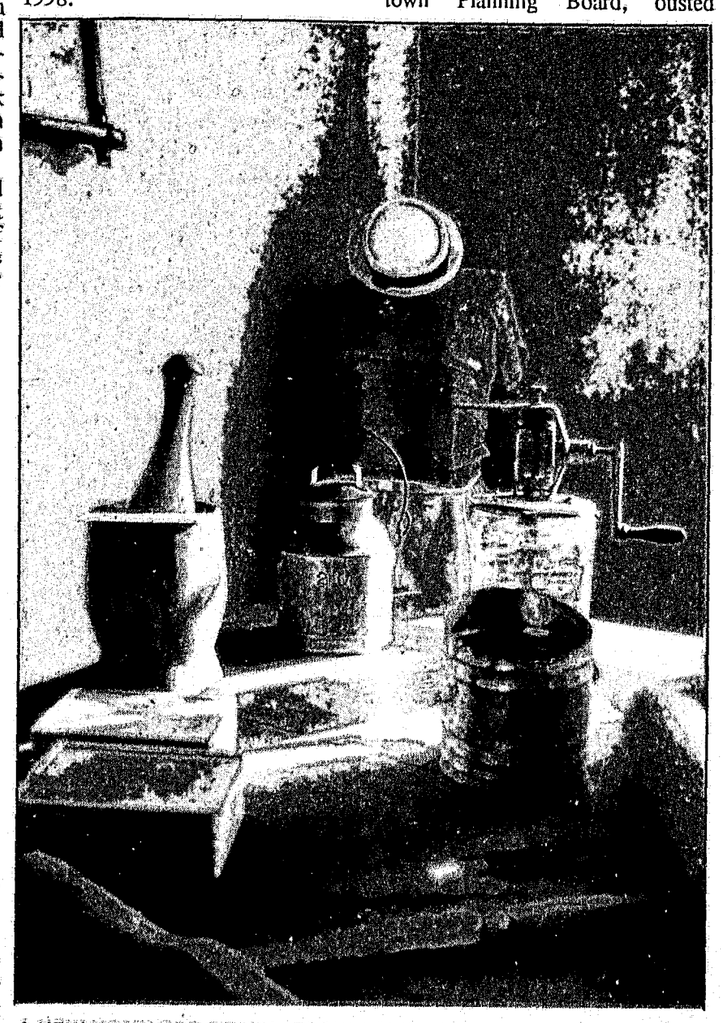

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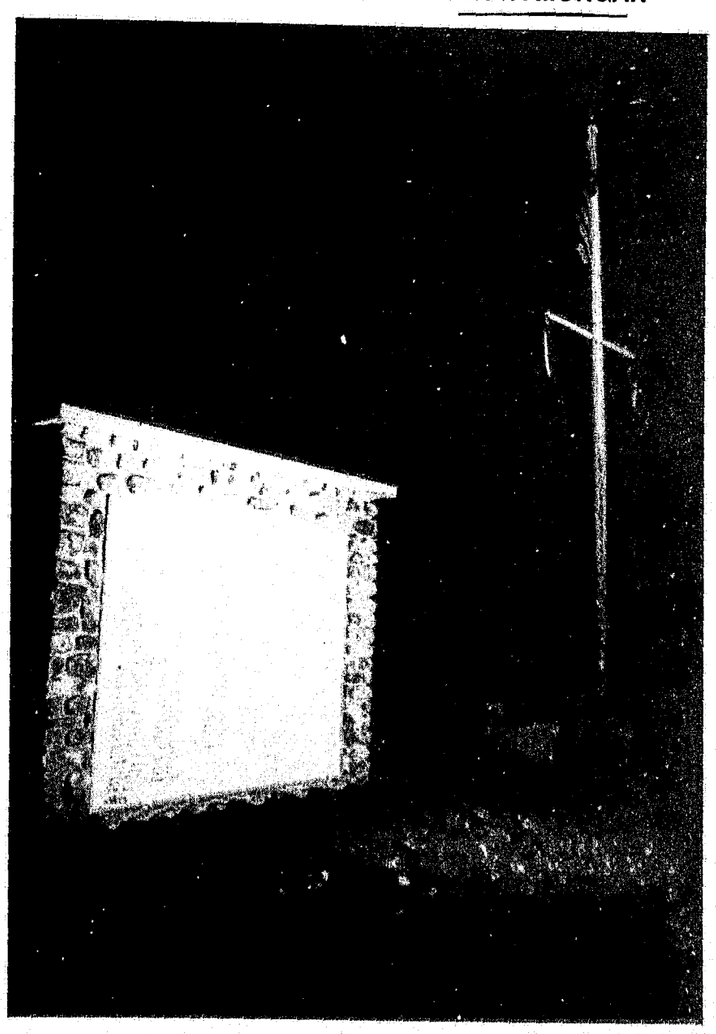

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the company's product had been stronger for much of 1997.

"We're quite busy," he said.

Wood products is a traditional business facing a new problem -- increased global competition.

"We're in a global economy now, with tremendous pressure from imports," said Leon Favreau, co-owner of Bethel Furniture Stock.

Such pressure, Favreau said, led his firm to undertake major structural changes, including downsizing and other cost-reduction measures, and changing production lines and the types of tree species utilized as raw material.

"You really have to attend to business these days," he said.

It's story that is sure to become very familiar as the new millennium opens.

Recreation grows

The great outdoors continued over the past year to draw business here, and by year's end it appeared the Bethel area was also on its way to becoming the technology and job hub for a nationwide ski and resort network.

The 1996-97 ski season did not post record skier numbers (breaking Sunday River's string of record-breaking seasons), but the season still saw 550,000 skier visits (the second highest number), and many of those skiers and their business spilled over into town.

The summer tourism season that followed was very strong, as was the start of the current ski season.

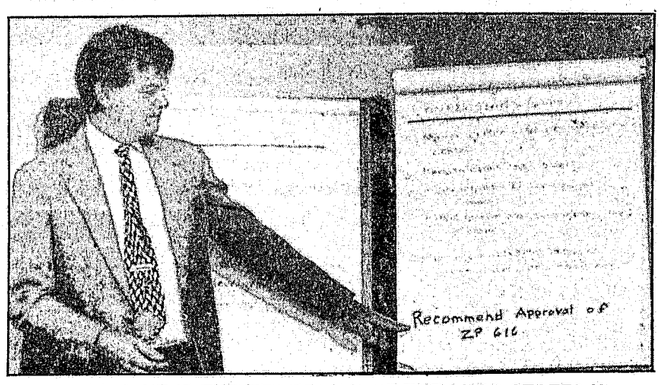
ASC goes public

The biggest local ski business news of the year was in fact a national story. In November the American Skiing Company issued a successful $260 million stock offering.

The proceeds were used to underwrite the purchase of two western resorts: Steamboat in Colorado and Heavenly in California, and to restructure the company's debt.

The local impact of the move is likely to be felt most in the area of jobs.

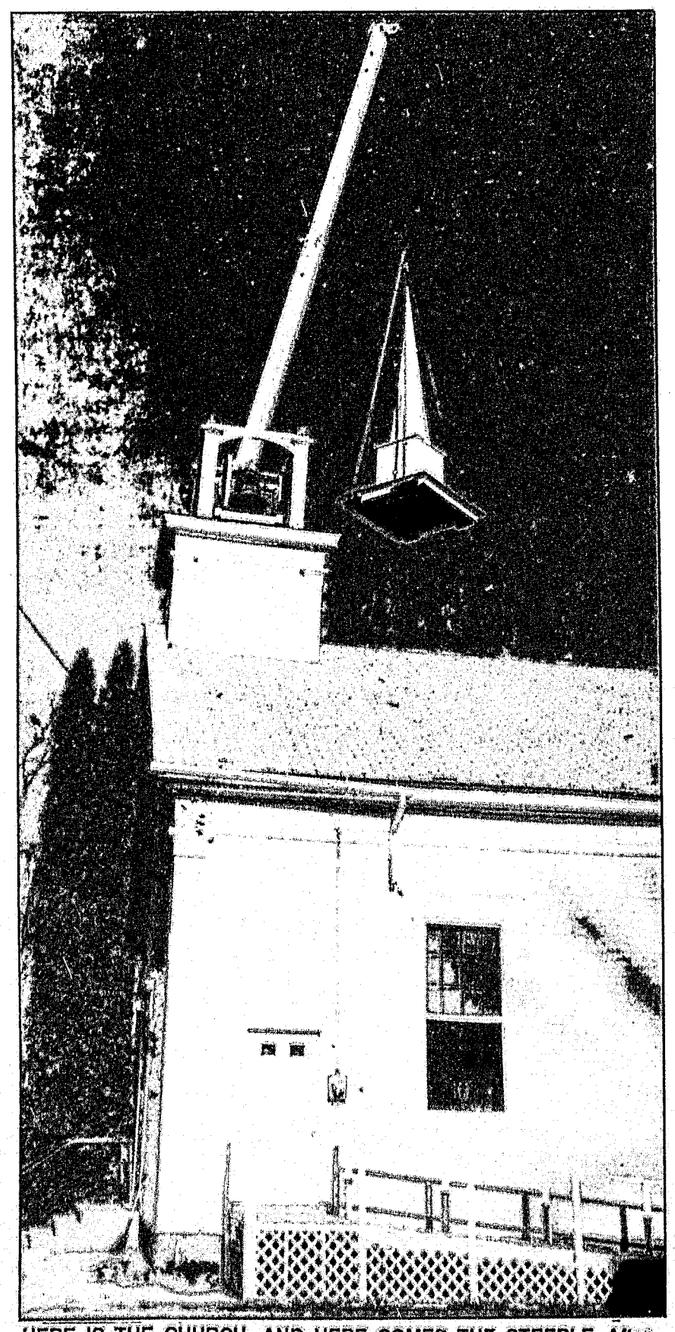
Thanks in large part to technology, much of the marketing and administration for ASC's nine resorts nationwide (and 5,000,000 annual skier visits) can be handled from right here in Bethel.



HOW STRAIGHT IS THE REASONING OF THE LURC STAFF? If you live in Albany, it looks about as twisted as executive director John Williams' tie.

`With the cloud of confusion dissipated the question returns to its rather simple state--is allowing the development of a 2,000 seat bingo hall in Albany in keeping with the character and developmental trends of the region, does it fill needs held by citizens of the region, and will it be in the best interest of the region and its people? If considered in proper regional context, the answer to each of those questions must be "No."'

DUTCH DRESSER
Chair of Bethel Board of Selectmen.



HERE IS THE CHURCH, AND HERE COMES THE STEEPLE--After spending the last six months sitting on the ground for repairs and repainting, the steeple of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church was hoisted back in place in early December.

HOIST THAT BOTTLE, BOYS

'The First Congregational Church reminds all cookie bakers that they will hold the annual Cookie Walk during Olde Home Days. Many dozens of cookies are needed.'

KAREN MCKAY

What's new? A quick tour

A visitor to the area, one who had not been here since the beginning of the year, would find much new to meet the eye on New Year's Day 1998.

Coming up Route 26 from the south, the visitor would note that the long-abandoned Locke Mills Marketplace was now bustling again, not as a grocery store but as a factory outlet for Maine Line Products.

Just west of Locke Mills, a new sign notes the highway has been dedicated to Air Force Capt. Carl L. Churchill, who died in Laos in 1970.

A few miles up the road, just before the vistor would enter Bethel, another indication of a healthy economy comes into view: a proliferation of blue MDOT business signs, including a large one directing visitors to turn right toward Sunday River Ski Resort--and away from Bethel village. (A moratorium is currently in force on such signs, and a town committee is working on a proposal for an alternative way of handling business signage.)

Visitors who do take the right toward Sunday River will pass one area of town where much change was expected but little has occurred: Bethel Station.

The long-stalled project got a new general manager in March, when Cape Cod developer David Oppenheim replaced Heinie Merrill, the beleaguered general manager who had overseen the project from its inception.

Oppenheim promised to breath new life into the project, but the year saw only one new tenant -- The W.J Wheeler insurance agency, which had been displaced from its Cole Block office space.

And over the course of the year the project lost two tenants: Rick's Deli and the Sunday River Ski Train.

There was no new building construction in Bethel Station during 1997 (the insurance office moved into existing space in the Norway Savings Bank building), and the project's signature element in the minds of many people remains the large piles of dirt and fill at the entrance.

'We've talked to old friends we haven't talked to in years. It's been wonderful.'

Ginny Cole,
on the Internet

There has, however, been much visible activity across the street from the other end of Bethel Station Parkway, where the site work has been completed for a 11,000-square-foot Rite Aid store, which is scheduled to be open by summer.

Continuing on toward Sunday River, the visitor might note that the long-discussed snowmobile bridge over the Androscoggin River, and the bike path leading to it, have not yet materialized (thought officials and volunteers are hard at work on a financing package).

And further on in Mayville, just past Don's Car Care (now completing its first year in business), the visitor passes the site of proposed elderly housing project that never got past the initial planning stages.

But further along, as Sunday River nears, the visible signs of activity again pick up.

The most notable change on this stretch is the new Great Grizzly restaurant, which sits prominently on a knoll, backed by the skiway's White Heat trail.

The site of the Great Grizzly is the former Bean homestead. That historic farmhouse is now gone, as is the home of Mary Morin, located just up the street.

A new mini-mall, with a post office, now occupies that lot.

The visitor who turns left toward the skiway soon passes a large clearing, across from the Sunday River Inn and Cross-Country ski area. The clearing is slated to be the site of a condominium development.

But if the visitor opts instead to continue out the Sunday River Road, and then on to the Monkey Brook Road, they encounter the most spectacular of this year's developments: a new three mile road leading to the Jordan Grand Resort Hotel, which sits in the heart of Jordan Bowl, a spectacular area that up until a few years ago very few visitors to the area ever saw.

BILL MARSHALL AND CAMDEN BURKE, in disguise.

Not all the visible changes of the past year were business related.

In the village, Gould Academy is constructing a new dining hall behind Gehring Hall.

And far from the paved paths of the automobile, well out in the woods in fact, the former fire tower at the top of Speck Mountain has been rebuilt and once again offers hikers perhaps the best of all possible views of this part of the world.

'I have no intention of making money off people's addiction.'

ERIC ALTVATER,
Passamaquoddy Lt. Gov. speaking of alcohol, not gambling

Environmental record is muddied in 1997

Water and light pollution, rabies, a moose hunt, lost hikers.

1997 was a busy year in the great outdoors.

River woes

Human effort has helped improve the health of the Androscoggin River by undoing the harm caused by pollution over the years. But in 1997, it was human error along the area's smaller rivers that demonstrated how quickly the good health of waterways can be put back into jeopardy.

During the spring and summer, erosion from construction of Sunday River Ski Resort's Jordan Bowl Access Road turned the Sunday River brown -- and prompted many residents to complain to the Department of Environmental Protection.

'They didn't try to cover it up.'

WILL COOK
DEP environmental specialist, on Sunday River's Jordan Bowl erosion problem

Construction of the 3.6-mile road, leading to the new Jordan Grand Resort Hotel, had begun last winter. But in May and June, a combination of melting ground frost, spring rain and the fact that the road passed through clay banks contributed to sand and silt washing into the river.

The skiway and its contractor, A.J. Coleman of Conway, N.H., tried to control the erosion by spreading 18,000 hay bales on the site. Still, enough sediment drained into the river that DEP officials worried it might increase algal growth, raise water temperatures and decrease oxygen levels, which in turn could harm fish and other aquatic life.

DEP decided to fine the skiway. At year's end, the terms of an expected consent decree had not been finalized.

The Sunday River's own natural tendency to change its course also prompted action by some riverside residents. They have watched their land eaten up over the years by the river's meanders.

Late in the summer, some landowners came together to discuss options for saving their land. With help from the Oxford County Soil and Water Conservation District and the state, plans are in the works to obtain permits for some landowners to remove debris, such as downed trees, from the river. The debris had played a role in redirecting the river.

A study of the river's fisheries is also planned for the spring, to determine what effect further action might have on the ecology of the river.

What had the potential to be a more immediate threat to a local river -- and its nearby residents -- occurred in late October, when an early-evening train wreck sent two railcars down an embankment into the Little Androscoggin River, near the Woodstock/West Paris town line.

A tanker car carrying liquid propane also derailed. Other cars carried chloride, caustic soda and sulfuric acid.

Emergency management officials at first feared the worst. The area within a mile of the site -- including West Paris Village -- was evacuated during the night.

But fortunately, the cars carrying hazardous substances did not puncture. Nonetheless, the experience served as a reminder of how quickly environmental disaster can strike, and prompted emergency officials to re-evaluate their response plans in such situations.

In a more unusual pollution issue, residents of the Alcohol Mary Road in Greenwood objected when AT&T installed white, flashing strobe lights on a nearby communications tower. The lights penetrated into some homeowners' living rooms.

Through the efforts of one resident, Libby Sciacchitano, AT&T was persuaded to change the night time lights to flashing, non-strobe red -- and Schiacchitano and her neighbors had their dark night sky back.

Moose, rabies and trees

Other outdoors-related topics in the news in 1997 included the area's first moose hunt, the further spread of rabies and the defeat of Maine's forest compact.

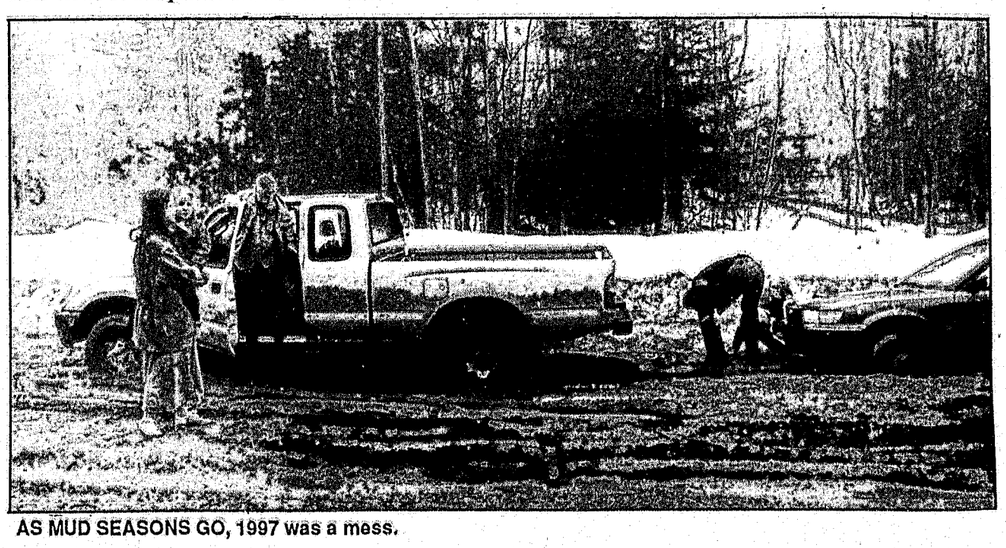
The prospect of a one-week moose hunt in early October, during the height of foliage season, had some people worried that mixing leafpeepers and hunters would be bad for business -- and possibly downright dangerous.

As it turned out, no incidents between hunters and tourists were reported. But Bethel Express, which operates moose tours in the area, said the animals disappeared during the hunt.

Rabies, which had worked its way into the area about a year ago, continued to spread during 1997. Multiple incidents of contact between wild and domestic animals -- mostly dogs and foxes or raccoons, respectively -- were reported.

In the last two months of 1997, contact between infected wild animals and domestic animals seemed to taper off. The Bethel Animal Hospital reported they did not receive any calls from pet owners reporting such problems.

The forest home of many wild animals was in the news in the fall, with the second season of debate on Maine's timber-harvesting regulations. An attempt to further regulate the harvest fell short with the election-day defeat of the Forest Compact.



AS MUD SEASONS GO, 1997 was a mess.

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The compact had been seen by some as a compromise between hard-line environmentalists and those in the wood industry. Although the ballot question lost narrowly statewide, it was defeated by a four-to-one margin in this year, where many people make their living in wood-related businesses.

The issue still may not have been put to rest, as the Legislature has before it another round of proposed regulatory bills.

Survival

The experience of several hikers late in the year proved that while Mother Nature can be regulated, she cannot always be predicted.

In December, three Auburn teenagers survived sub-zero conditions on Old Speck in Grafton Notch after they lost their bearings in a snow squall while day-hiking. They spent the night in a small cave, and were able to walk out on their own the next morning. One boy suffered severe frostbite to his toes.

Three days before year's end, two southern Maine day hikers also spent an unexpected night out in frigid weather, on East Royce Mountain.

They had been unable to locate trail markers in the deep snow on the mountain, and were forced to turn back. Retracing their steps took all night.

They were, however, better equipped than the teen hikers, and emerged on their own, in good shape, at daybreak.

NTL celebrates, facilitates

The National Training Laboratory and the town of Bethel celebrated a 50-year affiliation in 1997 -- and looked to the future at a Community Conference held late in the year.

The NTL organization, which offers training in small group interaction to business and other groups, came to Bethel in 1947. Members and townspeople joined together for a weekend-long anniversary celebration in July.

That gathering was followed in November by a more work-oriented Community Conference, in which NTL played a key organizational role.

Focusing on the Bethel area

In April of this year, NTL representatives and area residents laid plans for the conference, which was intended to bring together organizations and resources and identify community needs and possible projects.

NTL had facilitated two earlier conferences, in 1987 and 1991. Several organizations, such as the Mahoosuc Land Trust and the Mahoosuc Arts Council, were spawned from the 1991 gathering.

The 1997 version was held on Nov. 18, and drew approximately 150 participants from the Bethel area.

Among the projects coming out of the conference: create an organization, possibly a growth council, to attract new business to the area; expand the District Exchange services to help those in need; promote understanding of diversity; set up a community center for use by all ages; expand cultural and art offerings in the area; establish a graduated living center for seniors. work further on the Bethel recreation path, set up an advocacy gorup in support of education-related issues.

Several committees were formed to work on the projects as a result of the gathering. Representatives of those groups are expected to come together again to report on their progress in February or March.

'A small rural police department in Foxwood, Conn. went from answering 400 calls a year to 16,000 when their area Indian reservation was turned into a gambling mecca.'

GREGORY VILA
Long Island, N.Y., police officer and part-time Albany resident

A growth year for nonprofits

1997 was a very profitable year for two area nonprofit organizations -- the Whitman Memorial Library in Woodstock and the Greenwood Historial Society, as they raised tens of thousands of dollars for expansion projects.

And a third nonprofit organization -- the Bethel Historical Society -- took a major step in its own expansion program.

In July, the Whitman Library received a donation of $40,000 from the Stephen and Tabitha King Foundation. The contribution was given in support of the library's $120,000 expansion project, designed to double the library's size and provide space for activities including children's story hour and meetings.

Prior to the King gift, Woodstock had raised $40,000 of its own money.

The King donation came with an offer of another $20,000, if townspeople can raise enough to match that amount by the summer of 1998.

Fundraising has been underway ever since. At year's end, the matching fund stood at $8,200. If the fundraising effort falls short, selectmen may consider holding a special Town Meeting prior to the deadline to vote on raising the difference through taxes.

While Woodstock worked to meet the King's challenge, a quieter -- but equally successful -- fundraising effort was also going on in neighboring Greenwood.

The members of the Greenwood Historical Society were seeking donations to allow them to purchase the former Donald Bennett home on Route 26, adjacent to the society's current meeting building.

Members planned to use the Bennett property to display and store the many artifacts it has collected over the years.

The purchase price of the property was $49,000. The society took $20,000 out of its own funds, sold promissory notes, and solicited outright donations to raise the additional $30,000 needed.

They reached that goal late in the year, and were scheduled to close on the property tomorrow (Jan. 2). The society will hold its first meeting of 1998 in the Bennett home on Jan. 7.

The Bethel Historical Society will also expand to an adjacent building. In June, the society signed a purchase-and-sale agreement with the Bethel Inn and Country Club to acquire the Elms building. A closing is expected in early February.

The purchase price of the building is $300,000. The society has undertaken a three-year capital campaign with a goal of raising $900,000.

Fundraising efforts are currently closing in on the $80,000 mark, according to Dr. Stan Howe, president of the society.

The Elms, currently used by the inn for guests, will be adapted by the society for use as a research center and museum for regional and local history.

Another Bethel institution, Gould Academy, is currently expanding its dining facilities by constructing a new dining hall. The hall, located behind Gehring Hall, is scheduled for completion in the summer of 1998.

SHIFRA ADLER, Gould '00

Town office attrition rate drops

The past year proved to be quieter on the municipal-personnel front than 1996 -- which had seen the firing of long-term Bethel town clerk Merton Brown and the resignation of Greenwood's first town manager in the face of Massachusetts embezzlement charges.

But 1997 was nonetheless a year of change in Bethel, which ended the year with a new town manager, and chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and with the prospect of the chief of police being dismissed.

The year opened with Madeleine Henley serving as town manager, but on a provisional basis. Henley, who had been town manager since 1990, announced in December she would be leaving to take a position in North Carolina.

'Get your shots up to date, because it's here.'

ALAN FLEET
Newry dog officer, on rabies

But within days of her announcement, her position in North Carolina was eliminated, and after some negotiations she agreed to remain on the job here temporarily, in order to allow her to continue her job search and the town to get started on its search for a new manager.

In May Henley announced she would be going to work for the insurance company servicing the Maine Municipal Association risk pool; and that same month the town selectmen announced that Phil Tarr, a veteran town manager from the nearby Lakes Region, would take over for Henley.

Tarr's municipal experience includes serving from 1980 to 1984 as town manager in Bridgton and from 1984 to 1990 as town manager in Harrison. From 1990 to 1995 he was executive director of the Maine Harness Racing Commission.

Shortly after Tarr came on the job, the chair of the Bethel Board of Selectmen also changed.

At June's annual Town Meeting, Reggie Brown, chairman of the town Planning Board, ousted selectman Rick Whitney. And at the first meeting of the board following the election Dutch Dresser was elected chairman, replacing Bob Chadbourne.

By year's end another possible change was also looming. In November town Police Chief Dale Bellman was suspended (with pay) by Tarr.

The reasons for the suspension were not made public, but they apparently involved complaints lodged by a citizen and an employee of the Police Department.

Tarr was originally scheduled to decide by Dec. 2 what further disciplinary action, if any, to take against Bellman, but subsequent meetings and negotiations followed and by year's end Bellman's fate was still uncertain.

In other municipal changes, Greenwood selectman Harry Swan announced in September he was stepping down from the board.

A lifelong resident of the town, Swan had served it in a number of positions. He was stepping down because he planned to move to South Paris.

Greenwood also learned in 1997 that it had not escaped unscathed from the alleged larcenous tendencies of Liz Lavalette. An audit following her resignation eventually found more than $20,000 in town funds missing.

Lavalette was indicted for stealing the Greenwood money. The charges against her in Maine are still pending, and have been extended to cover her husband.

In Massachusetts, where her legal problems began, she was eventually sentenced to three to five years in prison, for stealing $59,100 from the town where she had worked before coming to Maine and another $1,100 from a Boy Scout troop there.

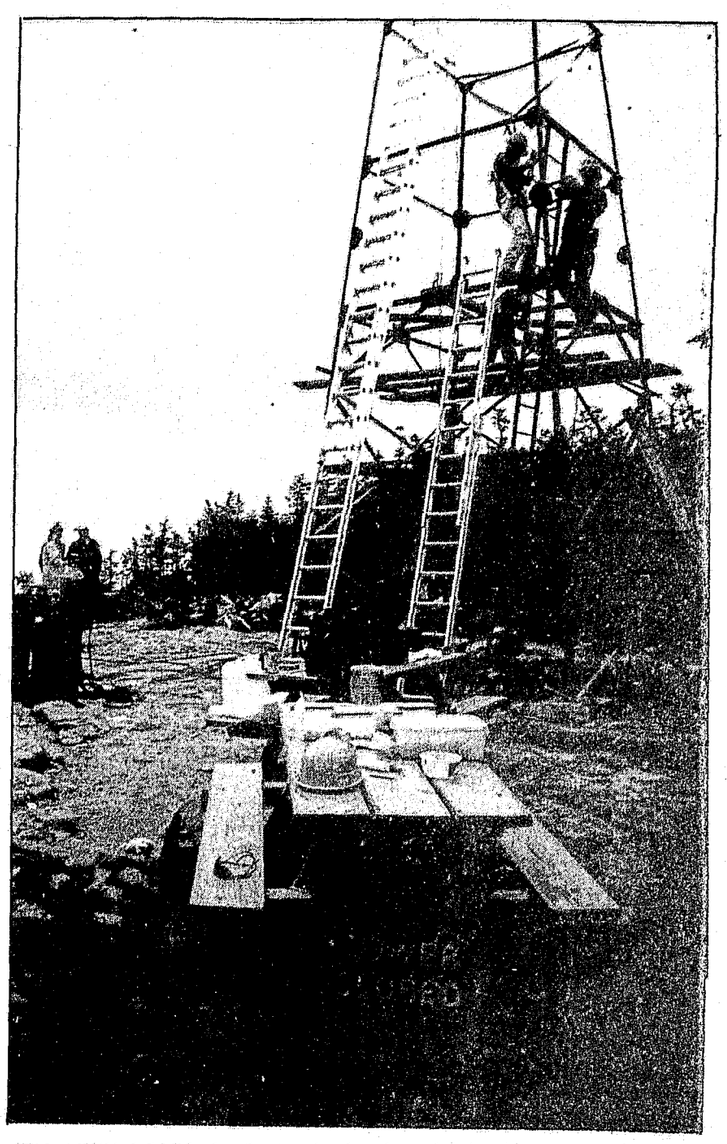
In Woodstock voters apparently decided that not all change is for the good. At their annual Town Meeting voters dropped term limits for Planning Board members.

The term limits had been adopted in 1987, but opponents -- after two failed tries -- eventually convinced voters that term limits cost the Planning Board valuable experience and forced members to spend an inordinate amount of time bringing new members up to speed.

In Andover, an electrical fire in January caused $15,000 damage to the Town Office, but further damage was limited by quick action by the town's volunteer firemen.

'Vada Glover of Rumford visited Ruth Cummings of the Bethel House on Tuesday. They played cribbage as usual and then went to lunch at Freddie's in Rumford, after which they visited Amy and Roger Hanscom.'

PHYLLIS DOCK



IT'S OPEN AGAIN, thanks to the hard work of volunteers and some hard cash from the loon plate fund. And the view's terrific.

Newry gets its new post office

The United States Postal Service put its stamp on 1997 by moving the Newry Post Office out of a store on the Bear River side of town and into a mini-mall closer to Sunday River Ski Resort.

But in Bethel the postal service failed to deliver on its plan to start work on a new Main Street post office.

The new Newry Post Office opened just before Christmas, in 2,900 square feet of space in Sunday River Crossing, a mini-mall near the intersection of the Sunday River Road and the Sunday River Access Road.

The postal service had originally intended to expand the post office at its previous location in the Bear River Store.

But those plans changed in late 1996, after Bethel residents successfully opposed a plan to move the Bethel Post Office to new and expanded space in Bethel Station.

Instead the postal service agreed to leave the Bethel office at its present Main Street location -- where it can be expanded, but not to the extent that would have been possible at Bethel Station.

An expanded facility in Bethel Station would have provided the postal service with the space it said it needed to handle the increasing volume of main in Bethel -- much of it generated by Sunday River Ski Resort.

No action in Bethel

As 1996 drew to a close, a postal service real-estate specialist said he hoped construction on a new Bethel Post Office. could begin by early summer.

That did not happen.

The Bethel Post Office is currently located in the Naimey Building, across the parking lot from the Bethel Foodliner.

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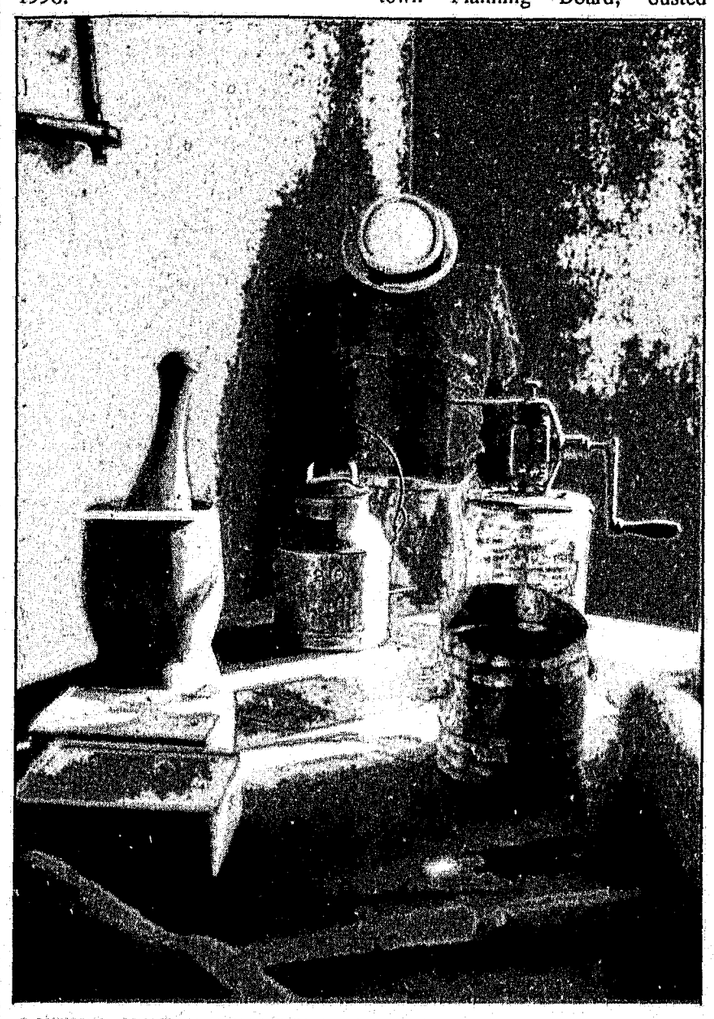

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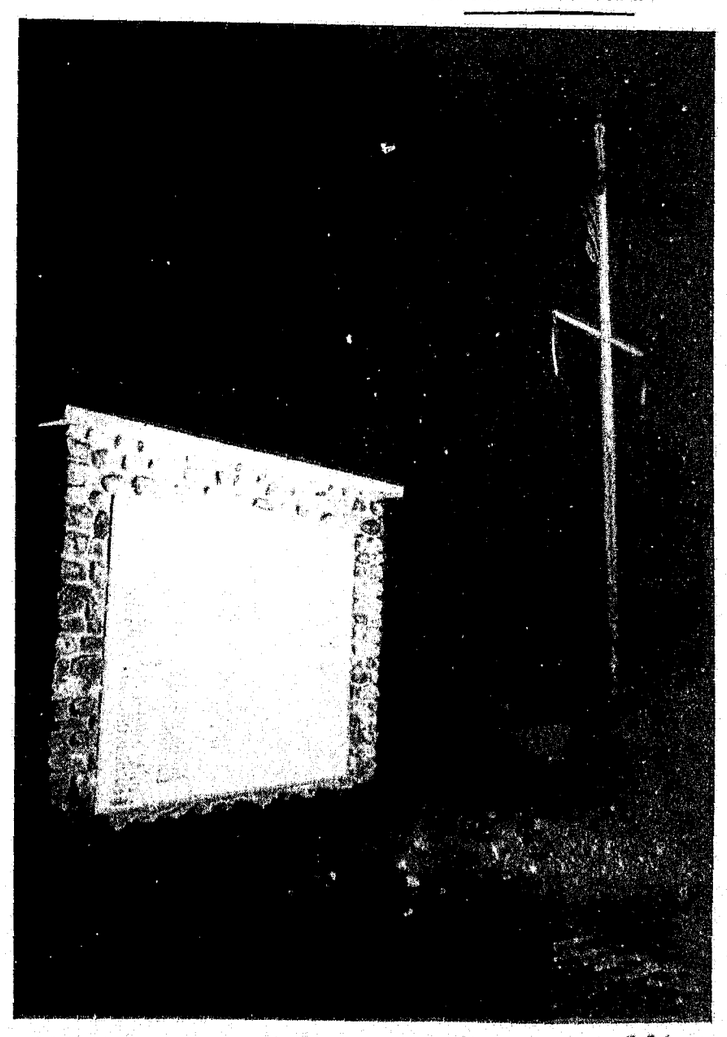

GREENWOOD'S NEW MEMORIAL honors those who served in our country's wars.

Bethel

by Arlene Brown & Ginny Keniston

Gretchen Dock of Boston visited her parents, the Norman Docks, for four days this past week on Christmas Day, the Dock family were joined by Sue Ellen and Doug Richardson and young son, Gayen, of Oxford. Everyone enjoyed sharing gifts and a delicious dinner. All the other Dock children called to wish everyone Merry Christmas.

Florine Bowden has broken her right wrist. Her address is Palm View Garden, 173-3331 Gall Blvd., Zpherhills, Fla., 33541-6789.

Gus Carter passed away Sunday, Dec. 28. Sympathy extended to the Carter family.

Mary and Bud Paine spent the holiday with son and family, Dickie Paine, at Pine Point.

Saturday, Dec. 27, saw the celebration of Christmas at Bob and Ginny Keniston residence in Bethel with 27 people present. Activities started with an outstanding rendition of the "Do you Hear what I Hear?" by the Martha Bangs family. This was followed by exchange of gifts, a bountiful feast and much visiting and reminiscing throughout day and evening.

Tim and Jodi Carter of Washington, D.C. spent the Christmas holiday with son John Carter of Middle Intervale Road.

Stan and Althea Brown had a family dinner party on Saturday evening including Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brown, John Brown and Mrs. Edwin Brown. Mrs. Donald Brown was unable to attend.

Family of Tim and Lynn Hutchins met on Christmas Day including Julie, Gabrielle, Kate, Earl, Jim, Chris, and Kelsea.

Holiday and weekend guest of Amy Davis of Evergreen Road were Mike and Kathy Davis and family of Norway; Harvey and Susan White and family of Lisbon Falls; Mark and Betsy Retallack and sons of Beverley, Mass., who all enjoyed festivities as well as skiing.

Mrs. Edwin Brown spent Christmas with her daughter Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hickey in Milles, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchins entertained their children and families for an early Christmas, Dec. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Earlon Keniston had a family dinner party on Saturday, Dec. 27.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake MacKay were in West Charleton, N.Y. last week visiting daughter and family, Michael and Sandy Robinson and children, Patrick, Alex, twin daughters, Sydney and Holly.

Steve and Sue Gavett have visitors for a couple days, Joan and Eric Murphy, Peter and Laurie from Keene, N.H.

Peter and Sharon Kaiser and family of Westmoreland, N.H. visited over Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Garey York.

George, Danna and Kate Nickerson entertained Keers and Tammy Brown of Windham, Arlene Brown and Clint Wakefield for brunch and gift exchange on Sunday.

Gailey Wheeler's family met Christmas Eve at the home of Mitzie Hutchinson in Rumford.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown Christmas week were Arlene Brown of Salem, N.H. and Linda Brown foster and friend of Pittsfield, Mass.

Arlene G. Brown, John K. Brown and Clint Wakefield joined George Danna, Kate and Evelyn Nickerson for dinner on Christmas Eve.

George, Danna and Kate Nickerson, Evelyn Nickerson, Arlene Brown and Clint Wakefield celebrated Christmas together at the Nickerson's 10 Kilborn St. home.

Linda and Bruce MacDormand of Hampton, N.H. called on her mother, Evelyn Nickerson, last Friday evening.

Bethel House

by Ruth Cummings

Think Spring, seed catalogues are in the mail.

Last Monday, Dec. 22, some of the Mahoosuc Music Makers came to the Community Room at the Bethel House and played Christmas music. Those who went to the entertainment were Beverly Sweetser, Raymond Swan, Everett Cole, Ruth Silver, Frances Whitman, Irene Russell and Ruth Cummings.

Peter Morton and Kathy Koveleski of Scarborough visited Ruth Cummings at the Bethel House on Dec. 22 and brought her Christmas cookies. From there they were going to Newry to visit with Jock Morton and his two sons.

Helena Bartlett was with Paul and Marie Bartlett and Maries parents in Locke Mills on Christmas Day.

Irene Russell went to Cumberland Center Wednesday to be with her daughter, Judy Gagnon and Judy's husband, Bruce, and their daughter, Nicole, and other family members over Christmas returning home Friday. Irene reported that they got all rain down there.

Sonny, Nancy and Ruth Cummings were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Buker, Darcie and Darren on Thursday.

Robert Cole of Vernon Street went with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Melville to spend Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Dana Melville and family in Richmond.

Robert Cole of Vernon Street and Rev. Deborah Jenks of Locke Mills Union Church and Charlotte Cole of Greenwood went to the Rumford Community Home recently and visited with Amy Hanscom and Debbie had a Church Service for the residents there.

Joanne Sawyer and Nancy Fox were visitors of Ruth Cummings last week.

Rebecca Ricker had Christmas dinner with Mildred Newell.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Hanscom, Sr. and Elizabeth Morse were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson on Christmas Day.

It is good to know that the tea kettle even when up to its neck in hot water can continue to sing.

The secret to success is to start from scratch and keep on scratching.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Crouch visited Ruth Cummings Sunday afternoon.

East Bethel

by Nancy Mercer

Tricia Chappie's father, Donald Hebert, of Roxbury visited Jack and Tricia Chappie and family on Dec. 25. They enjoyed Christopher's first Christmas.

Holly and Dave Currier were married recently and took a Carnival Cruise of the Caribbean.

Stan and Esther Wilson had their big Christmas Eve Party on Dec. 24. There was a big crowd of friends and relatives.

Polly Smith had Christmas dinner with Jim and Donna Burnard in Andover.

Arthur and Betty Smith's two sons and their fiancees of California and their daughter and family of New Hampshire visited for Christmas.

Craig and Carrie Aube of Portland and their son, Connor, and Jill from University of Maine, Farmington had a quiet Christmas with Linda and Neil Olson.

Marilyn Mollicone of Augusta visited Leslie Noyes and Nina Mollicone from Dec. 26 to 28.

Jack and Lucy Nordahl's son John of Florida visited for Christmas. He drove up and returned on Dec. 28.

Richard and Pat Kimball had a big Christmas at Penny Savage's. All the children from the area were there also.

Pat and Richard Kimball went to Walmart on Dec. 26. They said the place was full and wild.

Charlotte and Paul Kimball had their grandchildren, Breanna and Robin Tuominen, overnight on Dec. 23.

Bruce and Velora Tuominen had supper with Paul and Charlotte Kimball. Afterward all went to Stan and Esther's party on Dec. 24.

Clare Piawlock had almost all the family for Christmas. The youngest grandchild and the youngest great-grandchild were there and almost 30 other people the day before Christmas.

Clare Piawlock went to Wendy and Scott Annis for Christmas dinner on Dec. 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seams, Sr. of Locks Mills; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Seams, Jr. and children, Misty, P.J., Crystal, of Oxford; Andrea Howe of Norway; Alyssa Howe and Peter Bouchard of South Paris; Dustin Howe, Becca Howe, Jason Coolidge, Tracy Daniels and friend, Patricia of Norway; all had Christmas with Diana Howe.

Rndi Honkala had Christmas with Bill and Virginia Hastings in Gorham, N.H. His grandchildren were there.

Dori Hallman and children, Whitney and Heather, of Durham visited Arlene Harrington for Christmas only.

Floribel Haines was at Charles and Mary Lee Haines for a birthday party and Christmas gathering. Chuck Haines and his family, Bernie and his family of North Conway, N.H., and Scott and his family of Locks Mills were also there for the gathering on Dec. 27.

Ron Gilbert's son, Justin, will be home for New Year's from South Carolina for a week.

Albert Foster had Christmas dinner with Dick and June Stearns at Linda Westleigh's, their daughter in Rumford Corner.

Lisa Haines is home from University of Maine, Farmington for the school break.

Ken and Laurie Crockett had Christmas dinner with Ron and Karen Gilbert.

Denise Coolidge and her friend, Dan, came from Nashua, N.H. on Dec. 24. They returned home on Dec. 25.

Peter, Cristin and son, Kurt Mason, and Tony Mason had their tree at Daisy Coolidge's on Christmas Eve.

Kenny and Tony Mason visited Daisy Coolidge on Christmas night.

Peggy Coolidge was at John and Penny Kitteridge's for Christmas Day. Daisy Coolidge and Joseph visited with her there.

Jim Hannigan and son Ryan were in Brockton recently to visit his family.

Jerry Bernier was home from Maine Maritime Academy and Danille Bernier was home for Christmas with Flossie and Andre Bernier.

Gloria Crockett had Christmas dinner with Aaron Crockett and his family.

Andover

by Karen McKay

All are invited to join the Calvary Congregational Church's New Year's Eve Service on Wednesday evening, Dec. 31, from 9 until midnight.

We can ski free at Sunday River on Sunday, Jan. 4, 1998. This is the first of several days the ski area offers free skiing and rentals to SAD44 residents.

The town will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 1998, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Residents are urged to attend the meeting to review items that will be voted on at the annual town meeting. Topics to be discussed include the Town Hall clock repair, handicap ramps, prepayment of taxes, cemetery repair, land purchase request, cemetery land request, new equipment purchase, and the East Andover Firehouse.

Finalists in the Geography Bee to be held at the Elementary School on Jan. 6, 1988, at 6 p.m. are Steven Chenery, Matt Mills, Clayton Smith, Stephen Scotti, Josh Longway, Nigel Kreiton, Peter Poor, Ben Bailey, Steven Andexler, Michael Brown and alternate, Crystal Matthews.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goer's next meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 7, 1988, at 7 p.m. at the fire station. Members and non-members are invited to attend.

The raffle winner of the four woodburned stools was Lewis Harris of Roxbury Pond. Proceeds from the ticket sales to benefit the Andover Parent Teacher Group, the stools were handcrafted and donated by Laurie and Bob Brown.

Barb Bailey was the winner of the stained-glass eagle raffle sponsored by the Andover Elementary School sixth grade. Proceeds from the raffle will be used towards the class' year end trip to Boston.

Eating at the All Season's Cafe could make you a winner. Diners may enter their names in a weekly raffle for a free dinner with all the fixins'. Lucky patrons include Debbie Cayer, Don Wardwell and this week's winner, Charlie Gaura.

Fran and Wayne Kerchner and Beth and Charles of Wellesley, Mass., and Lisa of San Francisco, enjoyed the Christmas holidays at their home in town.

Hoping all of you enjoy a safe, happy and healthy New Year.

Bryant Pond

by Alice Hoyt

The winners were announced on Thursday for the benefit basket and lap robe by the Historical Society, Betty Bernier at the Town Office drew the names. Evelyn Lapham, of Pawtucket, R.I. and Howard MacKillop won the basket; Sen. Richard Bennett the lap robe. Much thanks to all who helped.

A very good play was put on by the children of the Baptist Church on Sunday evening. The play was written by Toni Cary. There were also recitations by the children. Bryant Pond hour on Channel IV TV is Wednesday at 3 p.m. and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Judith Grover Tent 17 D.U.V. will meet on Monday Jan. 5 for a regular meeting and installation of officers with a 6 p.m. pot luck supper. Please bring your own silverware.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet Thursday Jan. 1 at the Town Annex. There will be a pot luck dinner with each one bringing a dish to share, hot dishes, salad or dessert and your own place setting. There will be a game party please bring a prize for it.

Barbara Hathaway, Susan Glines and Rachel Stowell and Tim Adams attended the wedding of Leslie Bennett daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Bennett, Northfield, Vt. on Saturday. This Saturday Barbara will entertain 25 for the annual family gathering.

Joseph and Maggie Hoyt visited their dad for three days on Saturday they had an early Christmas Tree those present were Beth, Steve, Marybeth Hoover, Lauretta and Kelly Sanborn, JoAnn, David, Ray and Shawn Crockett, Alice and Ken Hoyt and Ben Farnum.

Gary and Jeanine Wing recently returned from a trip to Columbus Air Force Base in Columbus, Mississippi where they attend the graduation of their son, Troy, from the Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Training Program. Troy is a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force and has been in the flight training program at Columbus since Jan. 2, 1997

Troy has completed training in the T-37B Tweet and most recently the T-1A Jayhawk a twin engine jet aircraft. Troy's mom, Jeannine, pinned on his wings, identifying him as an Air Force pilot.

After coming home for Christmas Troy will report to Altus AFB in Oklahoma on January 20 for an additional three months training to fly the KC-135R Stratotanker, a 135' four-engine jet used to refuel other aircraft while airborne. From Altus Troy will report for a three year assignment to McConnell AFB in Kansas.

Thanks to Robert and Mary Billings for preparing the Historical Society Museum for each meeting. They also serve on the program committee this year, The Society Museum has an especially fine collection of exhibits now and a nice research library. It is prepared to serve our area well at the town of a new century. Next meeting is Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. Support the Historical Society. It is a very worthwhile organization.

East Stoneham

by Eleanor Nelson

Hi, readers. I don't know if this will make this week or next week's paper. Dec. 23-26 was just so busy in this household, the articles just didn't get written. Oh, well, here goes, anyway.

Dec. 18, there was a potluck supper and Christmas Tree for the children of Stoneham. It was a small turn-out but those there had a good supper and time -- and Santa Clause was there just as I predicted. Thanks, George. Also thanks to Sharon McAllister and Loretta Andrews for organizing.

On Thursday, Sharon McAllister cut her hand at work. Hope it's better now Sharon.

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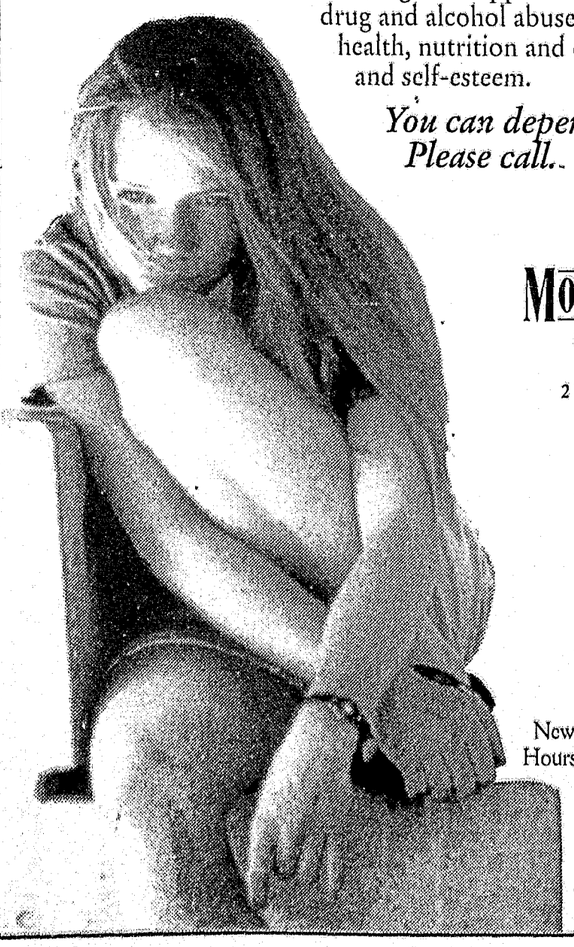

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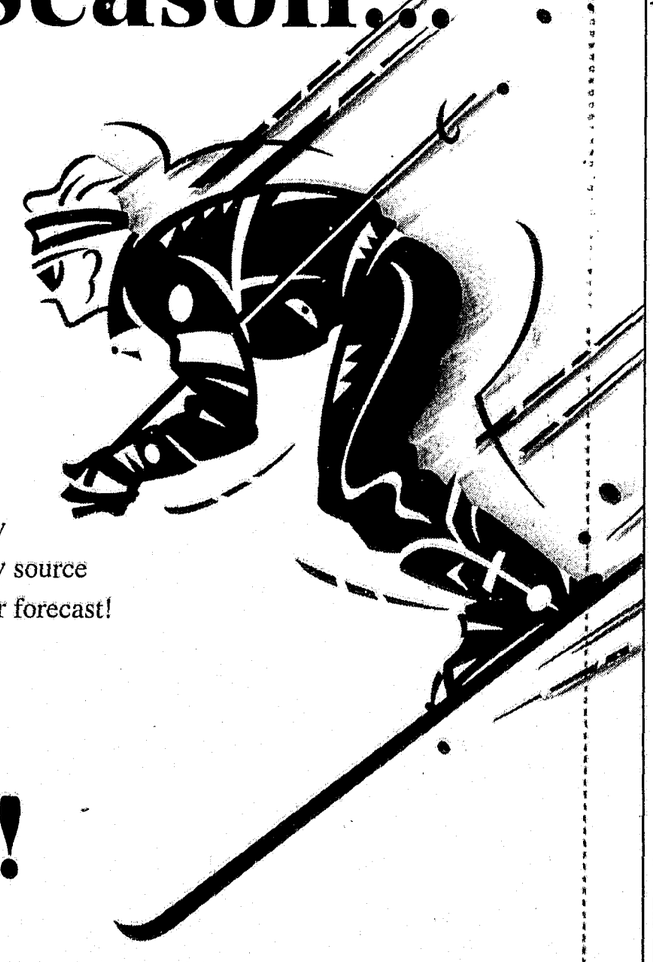

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East Stoneham

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Albert Nelson, Sr. had been laid up for a week with a hurt elbow and has to have it in a sling. I sure hope it's better soon. Nuff said.

Friday, Dec. 19, Loretta Andrews, Carolyn Heino and Eleanor Nelson went to supper at the Country Inn in Fryeburg. It was an awfully good one. Thanks, Dave, Lani, and Jeff. On the way home, we enjoyed the Christmas lights along the way and visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sawyer. Then we stopped in and enjoyed the Musical "All Dressed Up" put on by Dennis Barker and Dale Royer and Area Youth. This was at the Lovell United Church of Christ. This was about events leading up to a Sock Hop a few days before Christmas, circa 1960. It was most enjoyable and everyone involved in it did a great job. There was a lot of work put into it. What a nice evening.

On Saturday, Dec. 20, Frances Grant and myself went to Oxford and worked on the Share New England food program. We went early and attended the nice brunch at the site. Beginning in January the name will be changed to Serve New England and the new hours will be Saturday, Jan. 24, 1998, from 10 a.m. to noon instead of the usual noon to 2. We enjoy working on this program and it's for anyone, you know. We pay one month in advance and the food is good and inexpensive.

Our sympathy and prayers go to the family and friends of Hildred Safford of Oxford who passed away on Dec. 24. Hildred was a faithful member of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Hannah F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham. She was a good friend.

Our sympathy and prayers also go to the family and friends of Frank Packard, formerly of Stoneham, who died on Dec. 24. He was a member of the Stoneham Knight Riders Snowmobile Club -- another good friend.

Dec. 19 Minnehaha #53 met at the home of Arlene Merrill for a noon meal. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Election of officers were held. The following were elected: MEC, Lois Nieni; MES, Priscilla Morgan; MEJ, Mary Jane Sanders; Manager, Dorothy Canwell; Secretary, Patricia Foster; Treasurer, Arlene Merrill; Guard, Betty Morrison; Protector, Florence Morrison.

Two members were taken in as Dual Members, Dorothy Canwell and Harold Canwell. A card was signed for Hildred Safford. Installation will be Jan. 2, 1998, weather permitting. Refreshments by each.

I recently heard that Janie Moore of East Stoneham has a new boat. It is called a "funoe" (like canoe) and was a Christmas gift. It has been seen on the local Mill Pond here in East Stoneham. I can't wait to see it.

That's it 'til next week. By the way, hope you all have a happy, prosperous, and healthy new year.

Greenwood City

by Colista Morgan

I have missed my walks I used to do over other years. I no longer travel far alone. Some say what fun is there in walking the same old trails. My answer is they are always different for every country path however familiar. It has its daily or moment to moment variety. The light that is seen in the woods is different from what it was a few minutes ago. The colors change, light changes, shadows change. Until you have walked, the magic of it remains a mystery. Once you have felt the freshness of the mind over body, you have discovered a lasting pleasure.

This was no walking day, the wind moved like a passing owl at dusk and snowflakes were plentiful. So I stayed inside and again looked at and read my ninety or so cards. They are so pretty and contain lovely thoughts that I never tire of them. By the time you read this Christmas will be over. I shall hope that each of you had a lovely day with family.

Rena Curtis had fifty at her holiday party. All of her eight children but two came and brought their children.

The Holts plan Christmas day for their party. I look forward to that.

Other families will gather but as yet I don't know who.

It's a festive time and loved by all.

Dott Betts had her family at her home on last Sunday.

North Newry

by Gil Seeley

The snowmo bilelers are heading north almost everyday now, is there snow up there. Maybe by the time you read this, there will be, I'll bet. The Windy Valleys snowmobile Club will meet Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Town building.

I received a nice telephone call from Norman and Louise Tetley in Florida, one day last week. They both sounded very cheerful and well. Louise says she walks every day, and Norman says he plays pool everyday. They say that they may stay down there permanently now. We wish them a good winter and New Year.

Happy Birthdays to Eleanor Davis and Sis Post. "May the New Year bring you health and happiness."

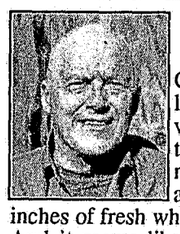
My aloe vera plant is blooming again this year. This is the fifth time; it blooms around Christmas time.

"Love is patient, Love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices in the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always preserves.." 1 Corinthians 13;4-7.

Christmas Eve guests of John and Nancy Wight were Terri, Dani, Staci Littlehale, Brad, Brenda, Katie, Kurt, Kevin Wight, Retta and Mandy Berry and Ed Powers of Newry. Mike Wight and Jason Berry of Bethel.

Also celebrated Brenda, Nancy, Retta and Brad's December birthdays.

Mason Township



by Richard Grover

Christmas was a little whiter than we really needed this year. We must have gotten a good eight inches of fresh white stuff that day. And it seems like the plow crews were a little slow in getting us plowed out.

Mona and I were in Bethel for breakfast and the opening of gifts at her daughters Jane's and returned home about 1:00 p.m. At that time neither Vernon Street, the Flat Road nor Mason's roads had been plowed. There must have been six inches of snow and lots of vehicle ruts on those roads, making travel treacherous. We made it home OK, with the little Honda Civic plowing snow all the way.

The snow brought home under the car left a good size drift in the garage when it fell off. In accordance with Murphy's Law, I had no sooner finished blowing the snow in my driveway, when the plow came by, filling the driveway entrance back up.

Otherwise, we had a very nice Christmas, marred only by the news that my daughter Anita had car trouble and spent Christmas Eve alone in a motel in Beloit, Wisc. She had been on her way to her sister's home in Mahomet, Ill., when her little Escort just quit running. Hopefully, she can get the car fixed before she has to be back to work in Minneapolis after New Years.

On another vein, I've been thinking about how things change and how they stay the same, at times. We have a few examples right here in Mason. I'll show you what I mean.

There are several places in Mason which have remained pretty much unchanged from years ago, only now we call 'em something else. Take "Medda Brook," which is now the "East Branch of Pleasant River." "Lowell Brook" is now called "Miles Brook." "Little Pond," or "Smith's Pond " is now called "Trout Pond." "Mains Mountain" is now "Pine Mountain," and "Bad Hill" has become "Bad Mountain."

On the other hand, we also have several places that we still call the same name, even though they are not there anymore, at least not in recognizable form. Many of these names you may never have heard of if you haven't been hunting with Rupert Grover. There are "John's Orchard" and "Sam's Orchard" and "Jack McKenzie's Orchard," which are now a few dead apple trees in pine and hardwood forests. There are "Jack's Camp" and "Bert's Camp" and the "Little Camp Road," which many years ago were logging camps or "dinner shacks," where there is no longer a trace of human habitation. There's also "Big Pine," now more like "Big Stump." There's "Mailbox Hill." No mailboxes there any more. Finally, the "Ikie Field" is now more like the "Ikie Bushes." Odd, how we look at things around here.

South Woodstock

by Andrea Wing

Sorry there wasn't any news last week. I've had the flu, even though I had a flu shot. I was quite sick and still feel a little under the weather. Richard, my husband, also had the flu and is trying to get back feeling OK. He had to work last night because of the snow storm but didn't feel very well.

Amy Merrill is home for the holidays from Alabama. Amy is also making final wedding plans while she is here for her upcoming wedding in January. Amy is the daughter of Phil and Terry Merrill.

My Christmas tree has been taken over by my three cats. They sure enjoy knocking the ornaments and other decorations around. Hope it makes it a couple more days.

School is out for the holidays and I'm sure the students all need a break from school work for a while.

My sister, Dottie Crister, called from Arizona as she heard I had the flu. The weather out there was 42 degrees the day she called and it was 45 here. So guess we're not so bad off. My other sister, Evelyn Dunn, was there and was leaving shortly to go to California to spend the winter with her daughter, Patrice for the winter.

Happy birthday to all celebrating their birthdays the first month of the new year. They are: Ann Long, Jane Chandler, James Gallagher, Vic Hart, Lisa Mack, Todd Poland, Stacy Tilley, Mat Moore, Jim Mason Sr. and Elmer Waterhouse. Hope you all have a happy birthday and new year.

The December meeting of the society was a Christmas party. In January the program will be on Androscoggin Home Health. People enjoyed a pot luck supper and the exchange of cards and gifts for the Christmas party.

Larry Billings, curator, Woodstock Historical Society reports that the Society Christmas party featured a research report by Earle Noyes. Elsie Bennett gave a picture. Thanks to Helvi Cary, Annie Crockett and especially Cecile Leseault for their work on the Christmas baskets. Annella Burnham organized the supper and president Barbara Hathaway provided a small Christmas tree for decoration.

Quote of the week; "I've learned that the Lord didn't do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?"

Sunday River Valley

by Rockie Graham

Happy New Year and welcome to the new Sunday River Valley column. This column will work best if you contact me and call in your news. I can be reached at 824-3427. The machine is always on, so leave me a message. If you want a return call, be sure and leave your number and how late/early I can call. I don't plan on getting into full swing until the week of Jan. 12, 1998, but feed me information and I'll see what I can do.

The Valley's changing. I want to welcome our newest members: our very own Post Office, and the Slopeside Market, which replaced long time Newry resident, Mary Morin, (Goodbye Mary, we miss you), and the Great Grizzly. Check out Newry's newest businesses, I'm sure you'll find them very friendly.

Traffic has definitely picked up, in amounts as well as speed, so be aware when leaving your driveways. I almost got clipped the other day by someone hurrying to dump their trash. For those of you new to the area, and not in the know, the sign's down, but that big wooden box next to the recycle bins at the Sunday River Fire Station is the present bin for recyclables. The bins are just locked to prevent contamination, so just drop your recycables in the presort bin and the recycling elves will put them in the correct containers.

That is all for starters, but remember, feel free to contact me at 824-3427

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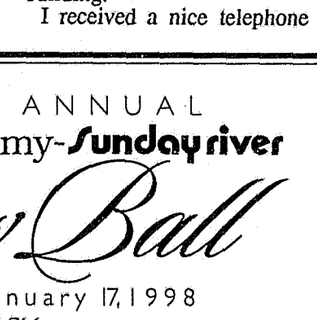
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MARCH 2 - Payors must file information returns (such as 1099's) with the IRS: employers must send W-2 copies to the Social Security Administration.
MARCH 2 - Farmers and Fishermen who did not make 1997 estimated tax payments must file 1997 tax returns and pay taxes in full.
MARCH 16 - 1997 calendar-year corporation income tax returns are due.
APRIL 15 - Individual income tax returns for 1997 are due unless you file for an automatic extension.
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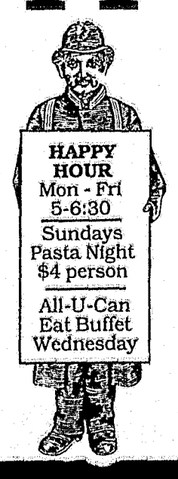

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School sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 61, Gorham (N.H.) 48; Dec. 27--Matt Lawrence scored 17 points and Alan Russell and Jason Mullen had 13 and 11, respectively, as Telstar defeated Gorham in the White Mountain Christmas Tourney. Jason Mullen was named to the All-Tourney team.

Fryeburg 61, Telstar 58; Dec. 26--Matt Lawrence had 16 points in a loss to Fryeburg. Other Telstar scorers: Alan Russell (12); Jason Mullen (10); Jeremy Curley (10).

M.S. Girls' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 42, Gorham 19; Dec. 22--Mariah Seames scored 22 points and Amanda Miclon eight in a win over Gorham. Katie Wight and Lauren Hart each had four points. Hart and Katey Caddigan were Telstar's top rebounders. "Full court and half-court pressure caused Gorham to make several turnovers," said coach Kelly Dole. "The team worked hard. The girls were happy to get their first win right before vacation."

The Bethel Citizen
For complete
local sports coverage

Grants offered by Sunday River Ski Club

The Sunday River Ski Club, a non-profit organization of families and individuals who ski at Sunday River, established a scholarship program this fall to benefit young skiers and snowboarders who participate in seasonal programs at the mountain.

For 1998, the grants budget is $5,000 and will be allocated in three categories:

-- expansion of the Rugrats elementary school program, including to Andover Elementary School;

-- financial support for young people who participate in Sunday River seasonal programs including River Runners, alpine racing, freestyle, and snowboarding;

-- grants for youth competitors whose regular season performance qualifies them for invitational regional, national, or international camps and competitions later in the 1998 season.

To date, the club has designated $1,000 to help expand the Crescent Park/Gould Academy Rugrats program to benefit about 180 additional local youngsters including, for the first time, students from Andover Elementary School.

In the past, only students from Crescent Park participated in this popular ski instruction program. Now, all students in grades three through five from Crescent Park and all students in grades four through six from the Andover School will be on the mountain for three hours per week.

The Rugrats grant was complemented by assistance from Sunday River, SAD44 and Gould Academy.

In addition, several young people have received Ski Club scholarships to participate in Sunday River and Gould/Sunday River seasonal programs.

Competitor grants will be awarded later in the season, primarily for late winter and early spring events.

Program and competitor grants may be awarded to young people needing financial assistance provided they are registered in and regularly attend a Sunday River or Gould/Sunday River seasonal program.

"We are very pleased to be able to help young skiers in the Sunday River community," said Bill Brown, Grants Committee member. "This program allows the Ski Club to directly support the mission of 'youth development through skiing' at many levels of learning and participation. This can only strengthen all of the programs over time."

Sunday River Ski Club Grants Committee members include Bill Brown, Chip Crothers, Jolan Ippolito, Glen Langley, David Murphy, Wendy Penley, and Fuzzy Thurston.

Questions about the program may be directed to seasonal program head coaches or to Bill Brown at 824-5254 or David Murphy at 824-2041.

school lunch menu

WEEK OF JANUARY 5

SAD44 Breakfast Program

Monday: Cereal.

Tuesday: Cereal or Pancakes/syrup, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday: Cereal.

Thursday: Cereal or breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.

Friday: Cereal.

SAD44 Lunch Program

Monday: Teriyaki chicken on seeded bun, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk.

Tuesday: Meat choice, mashed potato, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk.

Wednesday: Cheese pizza or beef ravioli, break and butter, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk.

Thursday: Fried chicken, sweet potatoes, bread and butter, steamed broccoli, veggie bar, fruit bar, milk

Friday: Sausage, muffin, scrambled eggs, hash browns, apple juice, fruit bar, milk.

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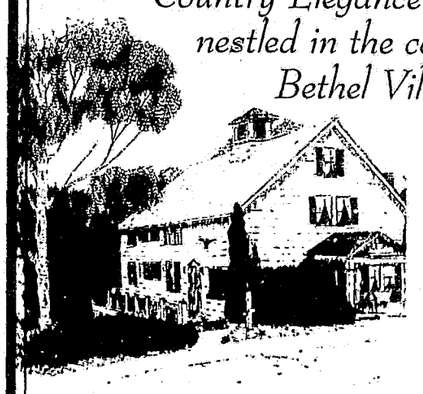

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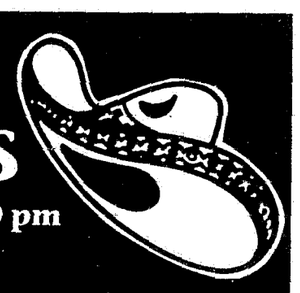

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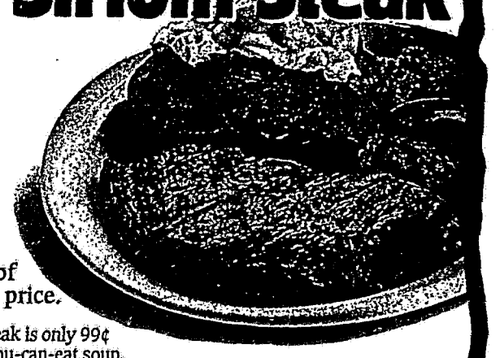

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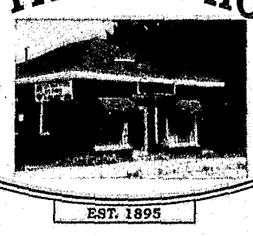

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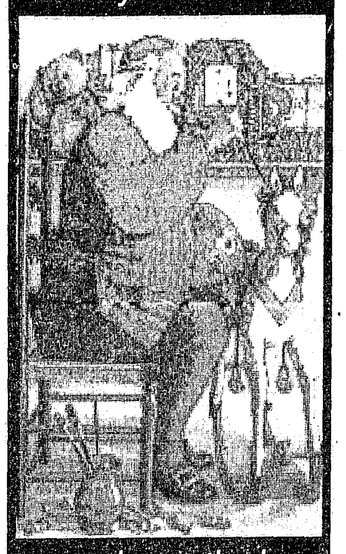

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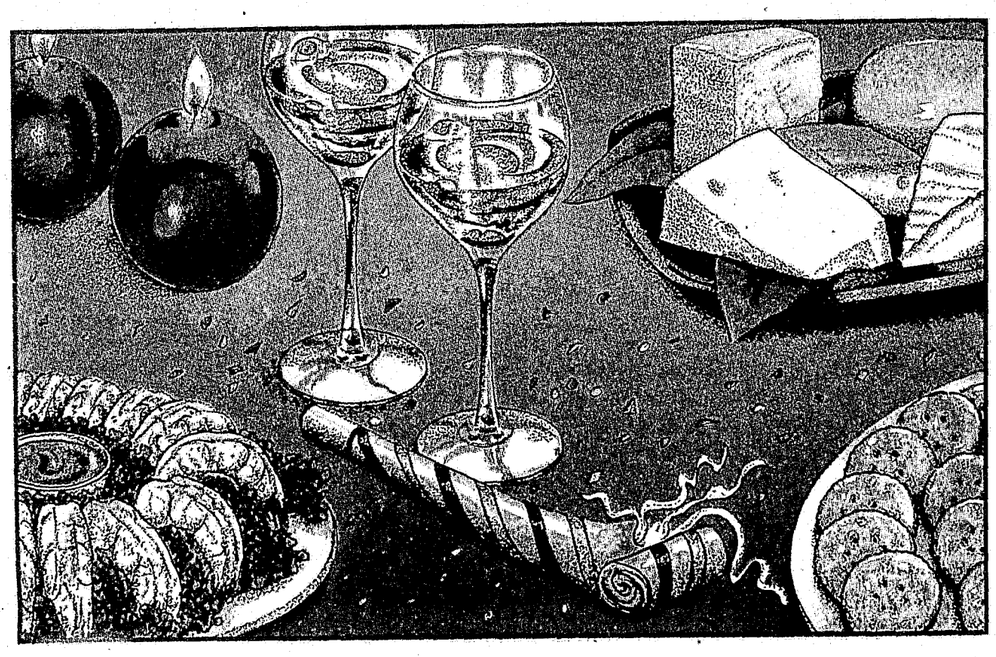

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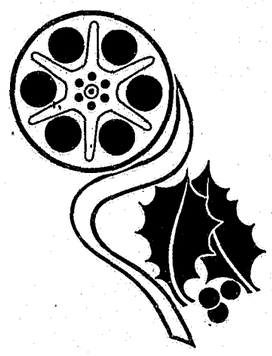

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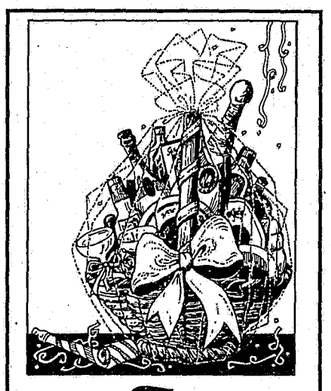

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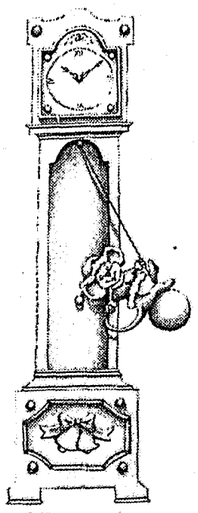

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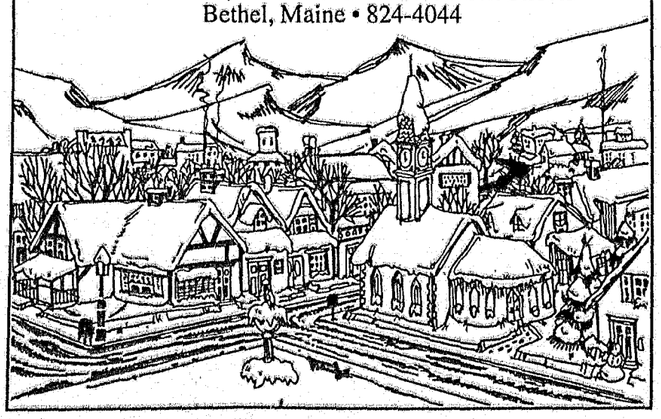

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Community Calendar

Activities

Tuesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.--Beginning Clogging at the Newry Grange Hall. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee. Call Nancy (824-2115) for information -- or just come.

Tuesdays, 3 to 5 p.m., Computer Lab time at the Adult Learning Center, Bethel (Windows 95, MS Office 97, and Internet). Public users must have their own e-mail account with a provider or may use one of the free e-mail services available on the Internet. Lee Dolleman supervises the lab.

Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m.--Ballroom Dance Classes at Greenwood Town Hall to benefit Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Donation: $25 (tax deductible). For information/registration, call Nancy Willard, instructor, at 665-2788.

Starting Jan. 22, 6:30 to 9 p.m.--The Alliance for the mentally Ill of Maine 12-week family education course starts at G.R.A.M.I Board Room (second floor), 150 Congress Street, Rumford, sponsored by Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill. Free. Pre-registration suggested (prior to Dec. 29). Call Diane Farnum at 364-3549 for further information and/or to register.

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Saturday, Jan. 3 and Wednesday, Jan. 7, 7 p.m., Bruce McKenzie Johnson, comedy magician at Summit Hotel at Sunday River Ski Resort. Tickets: $3 kids, $5 adults advance; $4/$6 at door. Call 207-824-3573.

Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 10-11, Bethel Winter Festival.

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 12 and 13--Auditions for "Bye Bye Birdie" (Oxford Hills School-Community Broadway show) at OHCHS music room from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Grades 7-12 and adults, no previous experience necessary.

Wednesday, Jan. 14--Bethel Senior Citizens Club monthly meeting and luncheon at Bethel Methodist Church, 11:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 20--Christian Women United monthly meeting at the Country Way Restaurant in South Paris. Luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Cindee Thibodeau of South Paris.

Friday, Jan. 23, and Saturday, Jan. 24, Healing of Persons Exceptional presents a workshop: Circling the Soul: Coming Home to Yourself at H.O.P.E. Ripley Center, 52 High St., South Paris. For more information call 207-743-9373.

Reach

Rape Ed. and Crisis Hotline **1-800-622-2365.** Sexual abuse helpline, 743-9777. Past or present victims of abuse.

Exchanges

District Exchange--Open every Monday 1-4 p.m., Thursday, 4-6 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ethel Bisbee School, Bethel. Clothing on sale, food available for those in need.

Community Service Center--Supplies available for emergencies and disaster relief at Thurlow Hall, Perkins Valley Road, South Woodstock. For aid or information call 674-2663.

Abused Women's Advocacy Project

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24-hour hotline 1-800-559-2927.

Veterans' Services

(State/VA Benefits)

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first and third Wednesday each month, 9 to 12 noon (743-6300); Rumford Employ. Sec. Bldg. (364-3718), second and fourth Thursday, 9 to 12 noon; Lewiston (795-4590), 200 Main St., 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, 1-4:30 p.m.; Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. Story hour for preschoolers, Thursdays, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Tel. 392-4841.

Bethel Library: Monday, 9 a.m. -1 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1-5 p.m., 6-8 p.m.; Thursday 1-5 p.m.; Friday, 4-8 p.m.; Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Story Hour for preschoolers, Thursday, 10-11 a.m. (September through May). Michelle Conroy, Librarian.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel. 665-2505. Library hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday, 11:30-5:30; Saturday, 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 p.m. Tel. 743-2980.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-5 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:30-7 p.m.; Friday, 1:30-5 p.m.

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 10-12 through July and August. Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.

Upton Public Library: First and third Thursday of each month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Church Services

Bethel

West Parish Congregational--Rev. Brendon Bass and Rev. Jean Bass, 10:30 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery care provided. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.

Church of the Nazarene--Rev. John Grant, 9:30 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. 6 p.m. evening service

Our Lady of the Snows--Rev. Lawrence Conley, Mass--Saturday, 4:30 p.m.

Bethel Alliance Church--Rev. Richard Mowery, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship service. 6 p.m. evening service.

United Methodist--Rev. Henry S. Nickerson, Pastor, 10 a.m. Sunday worship. Nursery care provided.

West Bethel Union--Rev. Joyce Scott, 9 a.m. worship and church school.

Pleasant Valley Bible--Pastor Clifford McMullen, 9 a.m. Sunday school. 10 a.m. worship.

Episcopalian House Church--at Bohrs' on 38 Chapman Street, 4 p.m., third Sunday of the month. 824-2913.

Church of Christ--at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mill Road (Rt. 26), Bethel. Worship at 10 a.m. Sunday, Bible study at 11 a.m. 824-3577.

Woodstock

Bryant Pond Baptist--Rev. Linwood Hanson, 9:15 a.m. Sunday school. 10:30 a.m. worship service, 6 p.m. evening service.

Woodstock Seventh-day Adventist--Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Unitarian Universalist--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m., first and third Sunday of each month.

Andover

First Congregational Church--Pastor Jane Rich. 10 a.m. Sunday worship service. Religious education: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15 p.m. beginning Oct. 21.

Calvary Congregational Church--Winter hours: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., worship service 10:45 a.m., fellowship brunch following. Wed. nights, Bible study and prayer meeting, 6:45 p.m. Rev. Duane Waite.

Locke Mills

Locke Mills Union--Rev. Deborah M. Jenks, 9 a.m. worship and Sunday school.

East Stoneham

East Stoneham Congregational--Rev. Janice Wilcox, 10 a.m. worship in February, April, June, August, October and December. 9 a.m. church school (Oct.-June).

Newry

Newry Community Church--Sunday worship service, 9 a.m. Rodney H. Hanscom, pastor.

Albany

Congregational Church - Hunt's Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday summer worship, March 30 through November. Pastor Eddie Gammon.

Norway/Paris

Christian Science Society (9 Stevens St.)-- Sunday Service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony Service 7:30 p.m. Call 824-4099 for info.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church-- Route 117N, S. Paris, 9 a.m. Sunday school, 10:15 a.m. worship followed by coffee fellowship. Summer service 9 a.m.

West Paris Baptist--Pastor Gordon DeHaas. Sunday worship 9 a.m., 6:45 p.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

North Paris Baptist--Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.

Rumford Point

Rumford Point Church-- Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Rev. Deborah Jenks.

Monthly Meetings

Every Sunday: Western Mountains Meditation Group, Center for Natural Healing, 47 Pioneer Street, West Paris, 9:30 a.m. 674-3961.

First Monday: V.F.W., Lions' Hall, Bethel, 7 p.m. 824-2587.

First and Third Monday: Bethel Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second Monday: Newry Mother's Club meets, 7:30 p.m.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, J. Grover Tent #17, Bryant Pond, JR Grange Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 665-2460.

Fibromyalgia Syndrome- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome meeting, Bethel Family Health Center, 7 p.m. For info. call 824-3232.

Second and Fourth Monday: SAD44 Board of Directors meets in Bethel, Woodstock or Andover at 7:30 p.m. Call 824-2185 for meeting place.

The Gilead Fire Department meets at the Fire Station at 7 p.m.

Bethel Airport Authority, 7 p.m. Call town office for meeting place in Feb. and March.

Third Monday: Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m. Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Every Monday: Mahoosuc Music Makers rehearsal, 7-9 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church.

Grief group (for the loss of a loved one) meets from 6-8 p.m. in the conference room of the Bethel Family Health Center.

First Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Upton selectmen meet at 7 p.m. at Town Office.

Windy Valley Snowmobile Club meets at Newry Town Office, 7 p.m.

First and Third Tuesday: Woodstock Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 5 p.m.

The Greater Rumford Alliance for the Mentally Ill-Children and Adolescent Network (GRAMI-CAN) Support, education and advocacy. Meets in the former St. John's rectory from 6:30-8 p.m. in Rumford. Contact Diane at 369-0542.

The Bethel Lions Club meets at the Lions Den on Main Street at 7 p.m.

Second Tuesday: Mundt-Allen Post, American Legion, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Supper starts at 6:30 p.m.

Telstar Alumni Association meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Telstar Library.

Second and Fourth Tuesday: Woodstock Planning Board meets at 7 p.m.

Third Tuesday: Pine Tree Legal Assistance at Bethel Area Health Center, starting at 10 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Bethel Rotary Club meets at The Bethel Inn, 7:30 a.m.

Greenwood Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Andover Board of Selectmen meets at the Town office, 7 p.m.

Newry Board of Selectmen meets at the Town Office, 9 a.m.

Cross-Country Quilters meet at the Bethel Library from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.

First Wednesday: Purity Chapter 102, OES, 6:30 supper, 7:30 meeting.

Greenwood Historical Society meets at the Society Building, Main St., Locke Mills, 7:30 p.m.

Gilead selectmen meet at Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Area Arachnes Spinning Group, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Potluck luncheon.

Western Maine Foothills Toastmasters, 6:30 p.m., Dirigo High School, Dixfield. Call 562-4931 for info.

Second Wednesday: Single parent support group meets at the West Parish Congregational Church, 7-9 p.m.

CPS/PTA meets from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Babysitting provided.

First and Third Wednesday: Newry Planning Board, Town Office, 7 p.m.

Second and Fourth Wednesday: Bethel Planning Board meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Fourth Wednesday: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, H.F. Richardson Tent #19, East Stoneham, K of P Hall, 7 p.m. For more info. call 928-2611.

Women's Fellowship, West Parish Congregational Church, Garland Chapel, Bethel, 9:30 a.m.

Every Wednesday: TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:45-7 p.m., Telstar H.S. cafeteria.

First Thursday: United Methodist Women meet at the Bethel Methodist Church at 1 p.m.

Bethel Historical Society, Dr. Moses Mason House, 7:30 p.m.

Second Thursday: Board of Directors of Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce meets at Crescent Park School conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Newry Fire Auxiliary meets at the Town Office, 7 p.m.

Bethel Lodge #97, AF & AM.

The Bethel VFW Memorial Post 11363 meets at the Lions Hall on Main Street at 7 p.m.

First and Third Thursday: Jackson-Silver Post, Locke Mills, 7 p.m.

Fourth Thursday: Bethel Area Poets Society Reading, 7 to 9 p.m. Call 824-3427 for more info.

Every Thursday: Andover Water District Board of Directors meets at 7 p.m. at 28 S. Main St. (Next meeting Jan. 8 at 7:30 p.m.)

West Paris Board of Selectmen meet at the Town Office, 6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Oxford County Mineral and Gem Association meets at 7 p.m. at the Newry home of Norman and Eleanor Davis, 824-2844.

Third Friday: Mt. Abram Lodge, IOOF, 7:30 p.m.

Every Friday: Game Party at Jackson-Silver Post No. 68, Gore Road, Locke Mills, 6 p.m.

First Saturday: Western Maine Mountain Jeepers meet at 7 p.m. at Bethel Fire Station.

Second Saturday: Woodstock Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. in historical society museum. Open to public.

Last Saturday: Upton Planning Board meets at 9 a.m. at the Town Office.

Items for the Community Calendar may be brought to The Bethel Citizen office or mailed in or phoned in at 824-2444. The deadline is Monday noon.

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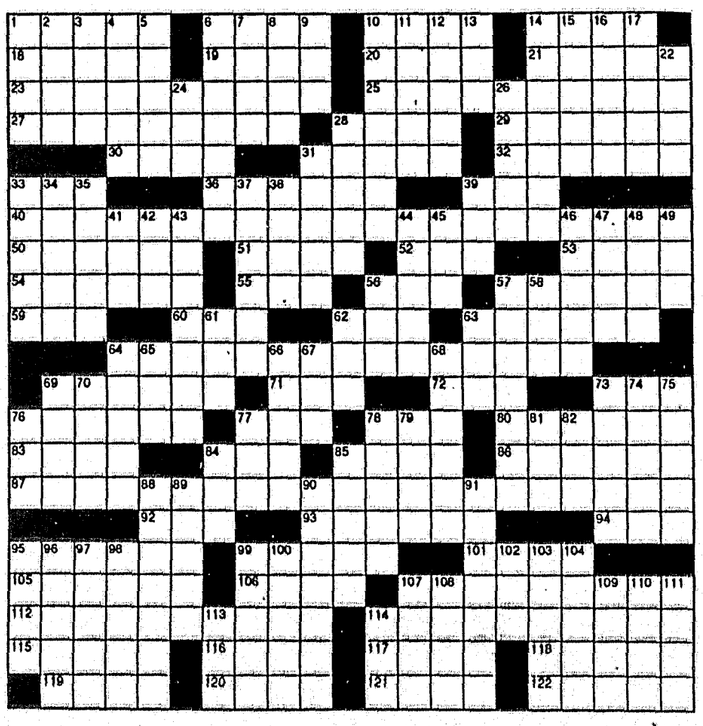

ACROSS
1 A star in 112 Across
6 Diction or faction starter
10 Cpl. and sgt.
14 Hebrew lyre
18 Blood of the gods
19 "East of —"
20 Wyatt of the West
21 Andrea —
23 Role for Bette Davis
25 Role for Katharine Hepburn
27 Pirate ships
28 Singer Guthrie
29 Grandson of Esau
30 Washer cycle
31 Indo-Iranian
32 Stair parts
33 Little boy
36 Dynamic or plastic starter
39 Baseball great
40 Film starring Will Rogers
50 Vinegar from fermented ale
51 Hairy wild hog
52 Half a Broadway hit
53 Bread spread
54 1936 role for Loretta Young
55 Those in office
56 Generation
57 Ship's officer
59 Draft org.
60 French lace
62 Comment from Scrooge
63 Shed feathers
64 Film starring Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes
69 Other than
71 One of the "Little Women"
72 Soak flax
73 Watering place
76 Nobleman, for short
77 Chicago "loop" trains
78 Work a swindle on
80 Like the Iliad
83 High Andean plateau
84 Say further
85 Rail bird
86 Period of immaturity
87 Starring vehicle for Monty Woolley
92 One of the Stooges
93 Walks at a leisurely pace
94 Concorde, for one
95 More tranquil
99 Place of oblivion
101 Toddlers
105 Pearl of high quality
106 General region
107 Enchanting place
112 All-star film of the '30s
114 It starred Bogart and Bergman
115 It might be common
116 City in unique reversal?
117 Row of seats
118 Spruces up the copy
119 Word before gas or sheet
120 Waste allowance
121 Delight overwhelmingly: slang
122 Printer's headache

DOWN
1 Holes in a casting mold
2 Yearn
3 Actress Perlman
4 Rude rustics
5 Ship's lowest deck
6 Cherished souvenir
7 Jewish month
8 Floral necklaces
9 Ultimate goal
10 Theme song of Francis Craig and Milton Berle
11 Kind of lily
12 Celestial hunter
13 Crime prevention org.
14 Human being
15 Fountain specialties
16 Papal vestment
17 Versifier, to some
22 Makes a request
24 Caesar's 506
26 Work or worm starter
28 Knight's gear
31 Tapestry wall hanging
33 Russian despots
34 Burden bearer
35 Conductor Taylor
37 Able or skillful
38 Harrow's rival
39 Native American
41 Past
42 One of the primates
43 Pretended courage
44 It's before letter, life or light
45 He defeated AES
46 Industrial diamonds
47 Otherwise
48 Requirement
49 June bug
56 Indian mulberry
57 Foreshadow
58 City on the Danube
61 "Diamonds — Forever"
62 Peripatetic Nellie
63 West of Hollywood
64 State of NE India
65 Do an alteration job
66 Martin Handford's hidden hero
67 River in Germany
68 Heavily ornamented
69 Indian macaque
70 "— Kleine Nachtmusik"
73 Traverses with radar
74 Senate employees
75 Sound the alarm
76 Likely
77 Anglo-Saxon letter
78 Musical group
79 City on the Oka
81 Luau serving
82 Traveler's haven
84 Reverential fear
85 Brazilian dance
88 One who revises
89 Bridge position
90 Lerner and Loewe musical
91 Gatekeeper
95 Gear teeth
96 Sovereign's decree
97 Woody, tropical vine
98 Constellation near the S. celestial pole
99 Not now
100 Goddess of peace
102 Sphere
103 Tippecanoe's partner?
104 Sole of a plow
107 Become bankrupt
108 Confused
109 Black birds of puzzledom
110 English teachers' org.
111 Dare, in some areas
113 Table scrap
114 Small coins: abbr.

BETHEL CITIZEN TV LISTINGS

2 C-SPAN
3 WSBK-TV 38, Boston
4 Channel IV, Bethel
5 TBS
6 WCSH, NBC Portland
7 Sunday River Ski TV
8 WMTW, ABC, Auburn
9 WPXT, FOX, Portland
10 WCBB, PBS, Lewiston
11 WWOR - NY
12 WBN - Chicago
13 WGME, CBS, Portland
14 SHOWTIME
15 HBO*
16 Encore
17 The Disney Channel*
18 Cinemax*
19 FLIX
20 NESN*
21 STARZ
22 ESPN
23 Financial
24 Nickelodeon
25 American Movie Classics (AMC)
26 USA Network
27 Arts & Entertainment (A&E)
28 QVC Home Shopping
29 History
30 Inspirational Network
31 Sci-Fi
32 FAM
33 CNN Headline News
34 TNN
35 Video Hits - 1 (VH-1)
36 Country Music TV (CMT)
37 Discovery Channel
38 MTV Music Television
39 Cable News Network (CNN)
40 TNT
41 Sports Channel
42 TLC
43 Weather
44 Lifetime
Premium Channels

THURSDAY EVENING JANUARY 1, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Moesha	Clueless	Hitz	Head-Heels	News	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Real TV
(32)	Lonesome Dove Cont'd				Lonesome Dove				700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Friends	Newsradio	Seinfeld	Just Shoot	ER		News	
8	College Football			College Football: Sugar Bowl -- Florida State vs. Ohio State						
10	News-Lehrer		Great Performances			Mystery!			Manor Born	Red Green
(22)	Sportsctr.	Strongman	Bodybuilding: NPC Men		Gymnastics: Rock 'n' Roll				Sportscenter	
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Today's Country		Evening of Country Greats: Hall of Fame				Dallas	
13	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	King Orange Jamboree		Diagnosis Murder		48 Hours		News	
(41)	Tennis: WTA Kremlin Cup -- Final				Golf: Mitsubishi Invitational Pro-Am				Celtics	NBA Action
(15)	"Never Cry Wolf" Cont'd		Movie: "A Very Brady Sequel"			Movie: "Nick of Time"			Inside the NFL	
(17)	Movie: "Toy Story"			Movie: "Blank Check"			Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Sense and Sensibility"		Movie: "Hoffa"						Movie: "Hamburger Hill"	
(20)	Front Row	NHL Hockey: Ottawa Senators at Boston Bruins						Sports	FOX Sports News	
(44)	Movie: "Family Album"				Movie: "Family Album"				Homicide: Life	
(5)	Movie: "Trading Places" Cont'd				Movie: "White Men Can't Jump"					
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart
(25)	"Lady Jane" Cont'd		Movie: "The Woman He Loved"				Movie: "Chanel Solitaire"			
(26)	Movie: "The Three Lives of Karen"				Movie: "Perfect Crime"				Silk Stalkings	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography				Unexplained		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: "Funny About Love"				News		Beverly Hills, 90210	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World	Am. Voices	Sports Illus.	Moneyline

FRIDAY EVENING JANUARY 2, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Star Trek: Voyager		Sentinel		News	Cheers	M*A*S*H	Real TV
(32)	Waltons		Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Players		Dateline		Homicide: Life		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Sabrina	Boy-World	Sabrina	Boy-World	20/20		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Wash. Wk.	Wall St.	Keeping Up	Brittas	Is It Legal?	Perrin	Manor Born	Red Green
(22)	Sportsctr.	Gameday	Figure Skating: Todd Eldredge & Friends				Cheerleading		Bloopers	Sportsctr.
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Auto Racing: Arena Truck Challenge						Dallas	
13	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	College Football: Orange Bowl -- Nebraska vs. Tennessee							
(41)	NBA Basketball: Minnesota Timberwolves at Boston Celtics					Celtics	Boxing: Fight Time			
(15)	Inside the NFL		Movie: "Freejack"				Movie: "The Ex"			Shock 4
(17)	Movie: "D3: The Mighty Ducks"			Movie: "Teen Witch"				Growing	Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Empire Records" Cont'd		Movie: "The Crucible"				Movie: "The Last Boy Scout"			
(20)	Front Row	Sports Attack				Front Row	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Cagney & Lacey: The Return"				Homicide: Life	
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "Captain Ron"				Movie: "My Stepmother Is an Alien"			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Kablam!	HappyDay.	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart
(25)	Movie: "Springfield Rifle"				Movie: "Strangers on a Train"				Curse of Mummy's Tomb	
(26)	Highlander: The Series		Walker, Texas Ranger		Movie: "Crocodile Dundee II"				Movie: "Uncle Buck"	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography				20th Century		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: "The King of Comedy"				News		Beverly Hills, 90210	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illus.	Moneyline

SATURDAY EVENING JANUARY 3, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Viper		Star Trek: Voyager		NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks					Parenting
(32)	"A New Leaf" Cont'd		Movie: "Yours, Mine and Ours"					Movie: "Spencer's Mountain"		
6	Honey, I Shrunk the Kids		Pretender		Pretender		Profiler		News	Sat. Night
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Savion Glover's Nu York		America's Music		Practice		News	Psi Factor
10	Health	True North	Ballykissangel		Ballykiss.	Can-Am Sled Dog Race		Chefl	On Tour	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	College Basketball: Duke at Maryland				College Basketball: Nebraska at Kansas			
(34)	Week	Bassmastr.	Opry	Grand Opry	Statler Bros.		LouiseMandrell		Opry	Grand Opry
13	Children's Hospital		Magnificent Seven				Walker, Texas Ranger		News	
(41)	College Basketball: Boston College at West Virginia				College Basketball: USC at Ariz. St.				Wm. Basketball	
(15)	Movie: "Big Billy" Cont'd		Movie: "My Fellow Americans"			Movie: "Primal Fear"				
(17)	"Alice in Wonderland"		Movie: "Mary Poppins"					Growing	Swamp Fox	
(18)	"Fly Away Home" Cont'd		Movie: "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade"				Movie: "The Substitute"			
(20)	NHL Hockey: San Jose Sharks at Boston Bruins						FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Nightmare Columbia		Movie: "Cross of Fire"				Movie: "Cross of Fire"			
(5)	WCW Saturday Night		Movie: "Where Eagles Dare"						"Rooster Cogburn"	
(24)	Doug	Beavers	Rugrats	All That	Kenan-Kel	Strange	WonderYr	WonderYr	HappyDay	HappyDay
(25)	Movie: "The Night of the Grizzly"				Movie: "The Sun Also Rises"				Movie: "Champion"	
(26)	"Crocodile Dundee II"		Movie: "Problem Child"				Movie: "Problem Child 2"			
(27)	Mysteres of the Bible		Biography of the Year				Movie: "Misery"			
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Riches	Movie: "The Five Heartbeats"				News		Coach	Braddock
(39)	Capital	Business	Prime News	Sports Illus.	Larry King Weekend		World Today		CNN/Sports Illustrated	

SUNDAY EVENING JANUARY 4, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Movie: "The Kissing Place"				Wild Things		News	Martin	"The Bedroom Window"	
(32)	Movie: "Caddyshack"				Columbo: Caution -- Murder Can Be Hazardous				Hawaii Five-0	
6	Censored Bloopers		Dateline		Movie: "The Blackout Effect"				News	Outer Limits
8	Movie: "Principal Takes a Holiday"				Movie: "Outrage"				News	Paid Prog.
10	National Geographic		Nature		Masterpiece Theatre				Mapp & Lucia	
(22)	Sportsctr.	NFL	NHL Hockey: Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks						Sportscenter	
(34)	Outdoor	Bassmastr.	In-Fish	Bill Dance	Championship Rodeo		Fishing	Fishin'	Road	AutoRace
13	60 Minutes		Touched by an Angel		Movie: "Scattering Dad"				News	
(41)	ABL Basketball: San Jose Lasers at Portland Power				NBA Action	Celtics	College Basketball: Boston College at West Virginia			
(15)	Beavis and Butt-head		Movie: "Courage Under Fire"				Tracey	Movie: "Cyber Bandits"		
(17)	Going Wild!	Omba	Timon	Aladdin	Walt Disney Presents		Disneyland U.S.A.			
(18)	Movie: "Gung Ho" Cont'd		Movie: "Someone to Watch Over Me"				Movie: "The Killing Jar"			
(20)	Wm. Basketball		Women's College Basketball: Houston at S. Miss.				FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Movie: "Zoya" Cont'd		Movie: "Zoya"				Intimate Portrait		Homicide: Life	
(5)	National Geographic Explorer				Wildl Life Adventures		TOPX		National Geo.	
(24)	My Brother	All That	Mystery	Nick News	HappyDay	WonderYr	Odd Couple	Van Dyke	Newhart	BobNwhrt
(25)	Against	Screen	Movie: "Crash Dive"				Movie: "The Young Philadelphians"			
(26)	"Problem Child 2" Cont'd		Pacific Blue		Silk Stalkings		La Femme Nikita		Big Easy	
(27)	Ancient Mysteries Cont'd		Biography				Great Escapes of World War II			
(12)	Nick Freno	Parent	Jamie Foxx	Tom	Unhappily	Alright	News	Replay	Coach	Nightman
(39)	Capital	Crossfire	Prime News	Sports Illus.	Impact		World Today		Sports Illus.	NBA Wk.

MONDAY EVENING JANUARY 5, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	In House	Malcolm	Good News	Sparks	News	Cheers	Mad-You	Real TV
(32)	Waltons		Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Suddenly	Fired Up	Caroline	Truth	Dateline		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Funniest Home Videos		20/20		Practice		News	
10	News-Lehrer		National Geographic		Masterpiece Theatre				Manor Born	Red Green
(22)	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Georgetown at West Virginia			College Basketball: Texas at Missouri					Sportsctr.
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Today's Country		Prime Time Country		Monday Night Concerts		Dallas	
13	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	Cosby	Raymond	George	Style	Brooklyn South		News	
(41)	Sportswriters on TV		Tennis: WTA Kremlin Cup -- Final				Skiing Magazine on TV		Ski & Snowboarding	
(15)	MarsAttck	Storyteller	Movie: "Twister"				Firestorm	Movie: "Drive"		
(17)	Movie: "Flight of the Navigator"		Movie: "Honey, I Blew Up the Kid"				Growing	Growing	Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"One Crazy Summer"		Movie: "She's the One"				Movie: "Sci-Fighters"			
(20)	Front Row	Boardwild	Winter	Skiing: World Pro Tour		Front Row	Sports	College Basketball: Calif. at Ore. St.		
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "The Babysitter's Seduction"				Almost	Golden
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "Point of No Return"				Movie: "Child's Play"			
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold!	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart
(25)	Movie: "Stars and Stripes Forever"			Movie: "Kansas Raiders"			Movie: "No Highway in the Sky"			
(26)	Highlander: The Series		Walker, Texas Ranger		WWF Raw		WWF War Zone		Silk Stalkings	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Poirot		Sherlock Holmes		Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	7th Heaven		Buffy the Vampire Slayer		News		Beverly Hills, 90210	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illus.	Moneyline

TUESDAY EVENING JANUARY 6, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	Seinfeld	Frasier	Cheers	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Chicago Bulls					M*A*S*H	Real TV
(32)	Waltons		Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	Mad-You	Newsradio	Frasier	Just Shoot	Dateline		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Grace	Soul Man	Home Imp.	Hiller-Diller	NYPD Blue		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Nova		Masterpiece Theatre				Manor Born	Red Green
(22)	Sportsctr.	College Basketball: Michigan at Indiana			College Basketball: Kentucky at Georgia					Sportsctr.
(34)	Dukes of Hazzard		Yesterday & Today		Prime Time Country		Stone Country		Dallas	
13	Frasier	Ent. Tonight	JAG		Michael Hayes		Dellaventura		News	
(41)	Bobsled	College Basketball: Rhode Island at St. Joseph's			ABL Basketball: San Jose Lasers at Portland Power					Lighter Side
(15)	Inventors' Specials		Movie: "My Fellow Americans"				Dead Blue: Surviving		Tracey	Peacekeep
(17)	Movie: "James and the Giant Peach"		Wolves		Movie: "D.A.R.Y.L."			Growing	Walt Disney Presents	
(18)	"Space Jam" Cont'd		Movie: "Mommie Dearest"				Movie: "Busted"			
(20)	Front Row	NFL Access	Hardcore Football		Ski Fever	Front Row	FOX Sports News		FOX Sports News	
(44)	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Movie: "Armed and Innocent"				Almost	Golden
(5)	Griffith	Griffith	Movie: "Young Guns II"					Harley Davidson and the Marlboro Man		
(24)	Doug	Rugrats	Alex Mack	HappyDay	WonderYr	WonderYr	I Love Lucy	M.T. Moore	Taxi	Newhart
(25)	Movie: "Breaking Away"				Salute to Film Noir		Movie: "Laura"			Mountain
(26)	Highlander: The Series		Walker, Texas Ranger		Boxing: Arthur Williams vs. Adolpho Washington				Silk Stalkings	
(27)	Law & Order		Biography		Silent Witness				Law & Order	
(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Movie: "Class Action"				News		Beverly Hills, 90210	
(39)	Moneyline	Crossfire	Prime News	Burden	Larry King Live		World Today		Sports Illus.	Moneyline

WEDNESDAY EVENING JANUARY 7, 1998

	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3)	NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Washington Wizards					Seinfeld	News	Cheers	Seinfeld	Real TV
(32)	Waltons		Rescue 911		Diagnosis Murder		Hawaii Five-0		700 Club	
6	Home Imp.	Seinfeld	3rd Rock	TBA	3rd Rock	Working	Law & Order		News	
8	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Spin City	Dharma	Drew Carey	Ellen	Primetime Live		News	
10	News-Lehrer		Dynasty: The Nehru-Gandhi Story						Manor Born	Red Green
(22)	College Basketball: Florida State at Maryland				College Basketball: North Carolina State at Duke				Sportscenter	
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(12)	Fam. Mat.	Coach	Sister, Sis.	Smart Guy	Wayans	Harvey	News		Beverly Hills, 90210	
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On weeks in which the Bethel selectmen meet (usually the weeks of the first and third Mondays in the month) the meetings will be televised on Channel IV. The broadcasts will normally be at 7 p.m. on Friday, but schedule modifications will occasionally be necessary, so please check the on-air calendar for up-to-date information.

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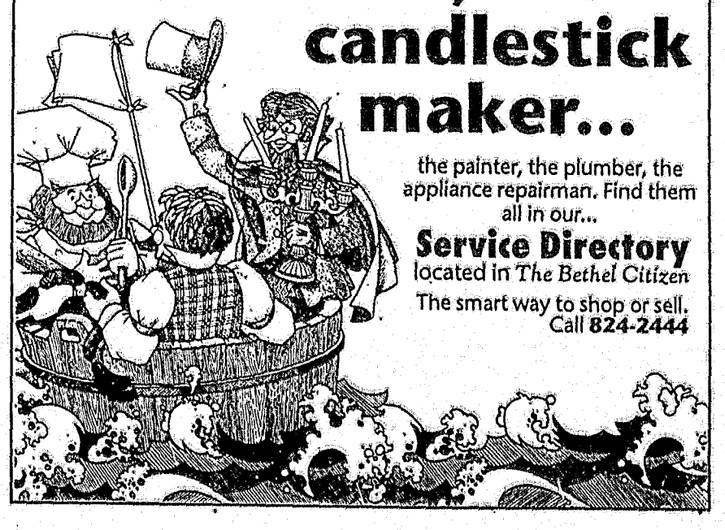

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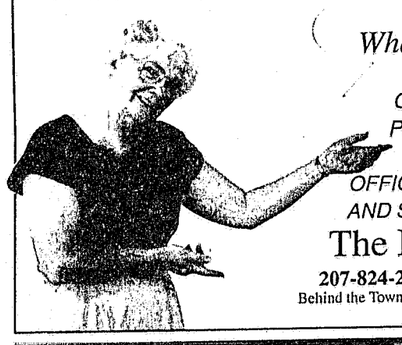

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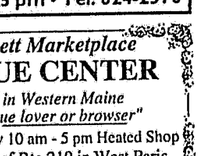

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From the

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Happy New Year from the staff of the chamber. We have been very busy getting ready for the upcoming Bethel Winter Festival, Jan. 10 and 11, 1998. We have a variety of jobs that we are seeking willing volunteers to do. On Saturday, we need four registration workers from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the Bethel Inn Conference Center, and one from noon until 4 p.m. On Sunday, we are looking for three additional registration helpers from 7:30-11:30 a.m. All volunteers will receive a free two-day pass (valued at $30) in exchange for their volunteer service. Please call the chamber office, 824-2282, if you would like to be a part of this wonderful celebration of winter recreation activities. Our event sponsors are Mead Corp., Shaw's Supermarkets, Northeast Bank, L.L. Bean, Poland Spring Water and Oakhurst Dairy in addition to the event locations: Bethel Inn, Sunday River, Mt. Abram, Carter's XC Ski Center and Sunday River Inn XC Ski Center.

The date for the chamber's Sixth annual Mountain Madness Alpine Derby has been set for Monday, March 9, 1998, to be held at Mt. Abram. We invite and encourage businesses to put together teams to compete in this fun rally/relay race. Please put the date on your calendar and more details will be forthcoming.

Second annual Snow Ball

The second annual Gould Academy-Sunday River Snow Ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River Ski Resort.

This gala event benefits the on-snow programs of Gould Academy, including the Gould Sunday River alpine race, freestyle and snowboarding teams; Gould's Junior Ski Patrol; and Rugrats, a ski instructing program that pairs Gould students with Bethel area third- through fifth-graders.

The Inaugural Snow Ball was a tremendous success with net proceeds totaling $12,300 which have been used to establish the Gould Academy On-Snow Programs Fund. The income generated from the On-Snow Programs Fund is unrestricted and will be used to benefit each of these programs.

Festivities begin at 5 p.m. with a large silent auction, raffle, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar followed by a fashion show staring Gould Academy coaches and dinner. The evening will close with dancing to a surprise band featuring the hits of the 60s and 70s.

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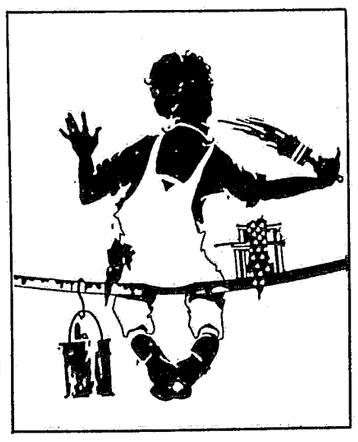

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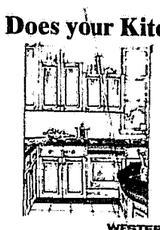

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From the

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Happy New Year from the staff of the chamber. We have been very busy getting ready for the upcoming Bethel Winter Festival, Jan. 10 and 11, 1998. We have a variety of jobs that we are seeking willing volunteers to do. On Saturday, we need four registration workers from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the Bethel Inn Conference Center, and one from noon until 4 p.m. On Sunday, we are looking for three additional registration helpers from 7:30-11:30 a.m. All volunteers will receive a free two-day pass (valued at $30) in exchange for their volunteer service. Please call the chamber office, 824-2282, if you would like to be a part of this wonderful celebration of winter recreation activities. Our event sponsors are Mead Corp., Shaw's Supermarkets, Northeast Bank, L.L. Bean, Poland Spring Water and Oakhurst Dairy in addition to the event locations: Bethel Inn, Sunday River, Mt. Abram, Carter's XC Ski Center and Sunday River Inn XC Ski Center.
The date for the chamber's Sixth annual Mountain Madness Alpine Derby has been set for Monday, March 9, 1998, to be held at Mt. Abram. We invite and encourage businesses to put together teams to compete in this fun rally/relay race. Please put the date on your calendar and more details will be forthcoming.

Second annual Snow Ball

The second annual Gould Academy-Sunday River Snow Ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 17, in the Grand Ballroom of the Summit Hotel and Conference Center at Sunday River Ski Resort.
This gala event benefits the on-snow programs of Gould Academy, including the Gould Sunday River alpine race, freestyle and snowboarding teams; Gould's Junior Ski Patrol; and Rugrats, a ski instructing program that pairs Gould students with Bethel area third- through fifth-graders.
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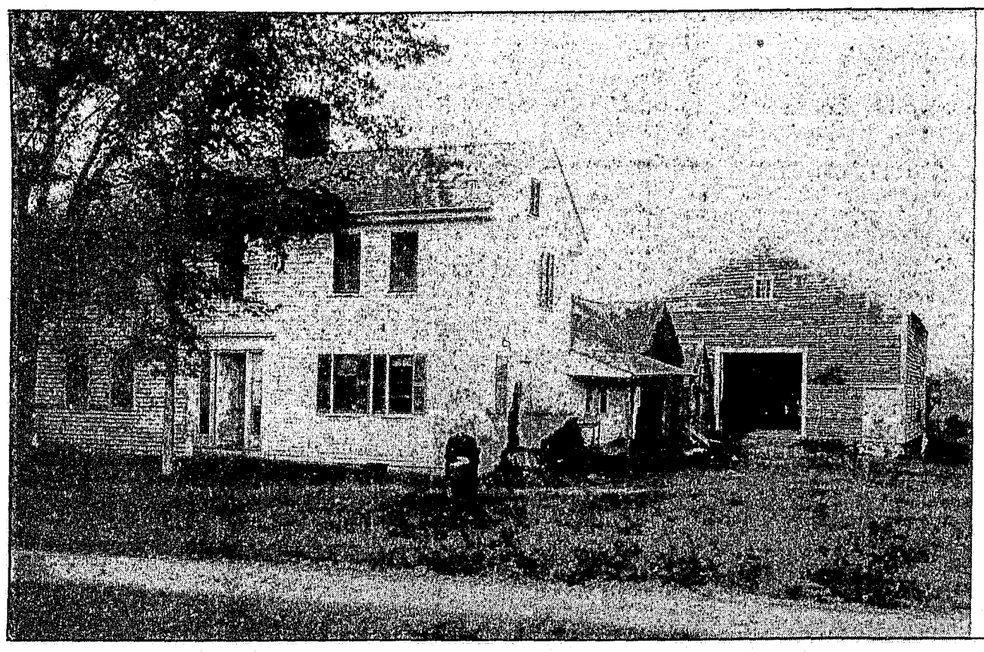

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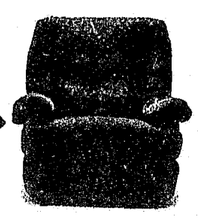
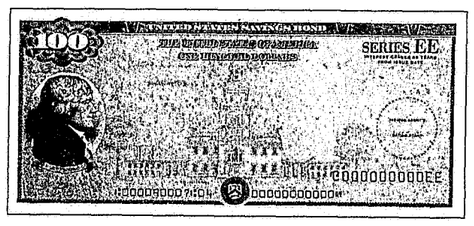
Easy.  Easier.



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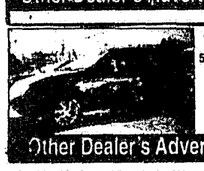
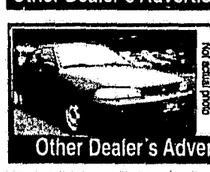


1995 GEO METRO LSI 2 DR
5 speed, am/fm/cass., dual air bags, cloth int., green, only 45,000 miles
PAT'S PRICE $4520
$131.43 / 36 MO.
Other Dealer's Advertise for $4999 to $7495



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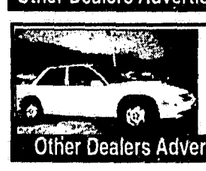
1995 GEO PRIZM 4 DR
4 cyl., 5 spd., air cond., am/fm, driver's air bag; cloth int., blue, only 42,000 miles
PAT'S PRICE $7380
$148.39 / 60 MO.
Other Dealer's Advertise for $8495 and up



95 CHEVY CORSICA 4 DR
4 cyl., auto., air cond., p. windows, p. locks, am/fm, driver's air bag, ABS, cloth int., white, only 53,000 miles
PAT'S PRICE $6925
$138.61 / 60 MO.
Other Dealers Advertise for $8995 to $9450

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95 OLDS ACHIEVA 2 DR
V6, loaded
Was $7950 Now $6950
54 mos $150.94/mo.

95 BUICK SKYLARK
V-6, loaded
Was $10,850 Now $7550
60 mos $152.04/mo.

94 CHEVY CAVALIER 4 DR
low mileage, auto, a/c
Was $7250 Now $6750
54 mos $147.82/mo.

94 OLDS CIERA 4 DR
V-6, auto., A/C, low miles
Was $8775 Now $8000
54 mos $177.27/mo.

94 GEO METRO 2 DR
auto, only 56,000 miles
Was $5250 Now $3700
30 mos $123.40/mo.

94 BUICK REGAL LTD 4 DR
loaded
Was $10,900 Now $9500
48 mos $233.22/mo.

94 DODGE SPIRIT 4 DR
V-6, auto., only 43,000 miles
Was $8750 Now $6550
54 mos $145.46/mo.

94 MAZDA PROTEGE 4 DR
4 cyl., auto
Was $7550 Now $5975
48 mos $142.12/mo.

94 CHEVY CAVALIER 2 DR
4 cyl., 5 spd., am/fm/cass., teal, only 66,000 miles
Was $8450 Now $5950
54 mos $128.97/mo.

93 TOYOTA CAMRY 4 DR XLE
V-6, auto, leather, p. moon roof
Was $12,950 Now $11,950
54 mos $273.17/mo.

93 MERCURY TOPAZ 4 DR
sport, auto, loaded, low miles
Was $7450 Now $5975
54 mos $130.92/mo.

1994 HUNDAI EXCEL 2DR
5 speed, only 55,000 miles
Was $4,300 Now $3,900
30 mos. $131.06

93 DODGE SHADOW ES 2 DR
V6, 5 spd.
Was $7175 Now $5950
48 mos $142.81/mo.

92 FORD ESCORT WGN
a/c, only 35,000 miles
Was $6325 Now $5200
48 mos $125.56/mo.

92 PONTIAC SUNBIRD 4DR
SE auto, a/c, only 66,000 miles
Was $6975 Now $4575
42 mos $120.99/mo.

91 OLDS 98 REGENCY 4 DR
auto, a/c, loaded
Was $8950 Now $7200
48 mos $183.40/mo.

91 PONTIAC SUNBIRD 4 DR
LE, auto, a/c, only 54,000 miles
Was $6300 Now $4975
48 mos $122.71/mo.

91 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME
4 dr., auto, a/c, pw, pl, tilt, cruise
Was $6975 Now $4975
48 mos $122.71/mo.

1992 DODGE SHADOW 4DR
Auto, A/C,
Was $4,275 Now $3,950
30 mos. $135.43

90 BUICK REATTA 2 DR
V-6, auto, leather, loaded
Was $10,950 Now $8725
48 mos $225/mo. A rare find!

90 BUICK CENTURY 4 DR
V-6, auto,pw, p. locks, low miles
Was $6950 Now $4925
42 mos $134.37/mo.

89 HONDA ACCORD
4 cyl., 5 spd., tilt, cruise
Was $4425 Now $4000
30 mos $139.72 /mo.

89 FORD MUSTANG LX
5 spd., a/c, many p. options
Was $4250 Now $3900
30 mos $135.76/mo.

89 PONTIAC LEMANS 2 DR LE
auto, a/c, only 31,000 miles
Was $4950 Now $4000
36 mos $120.27/mo.

89 PONTIAC LEMANS 4 DR
4 cyl., auto, NH insp. & warr.
Was $3250 Now $2500
18 mos $125.22/mo.

88 CHEVY CAVALIER RS 2 DR
auto, a/c, NH insp. & warr.
Was $3250 Now $2500
18 mos $125.22/mo.

88 CHEVY CAVALIER WAGON
V-6, a/c, low miles
Was $3950 Now $2975
24 mos $119.86/mo.

88 CHEVY CAVALIER Z24
V-6, loaded, sunroof
Was $4950 Now $4350
30 mos $153.60/mo.

88 FORD TAURUS 4 DR
V-6, auto, a/c
Was $4950 Now $3700
30mos $127.83/mo.

87 FORD TEMPO GL 4 DR
auto., a/c, NH insp. & warr.
Was $2950 Now $2500
18 mos $125.22/mo.

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95 FORD WINDSTAR CARGO VAN
6 cyl., auto., am/fm, dual air bags, white, only 20,000 miles, nice!
New Over $18,000 Now $11,975
60 mos $247.15/mo.

94 CHEVY ASTRO CARGO VAN
V6, auto, A/C, only 48,000 miles
Was $8950 Now $8200
54 mos $181.98/mo.

94 CHEVY LUMINA APV
V6, auto, A/C, only 49,000 miles
Was $10,900 Now $9975
54 mos $223.81/mo.

94 GMC SAFARI EXT.
dual a/c & heat, loaded, only 42,000 miles
Was $13,950 Now $11,200
54 mos $252.67/mo.

94 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER
V-6, auto, a/c, only 40,000 miles
Was $11,950 Now $9975
54 mos $223.81/mo.

93 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
SE, V-6, auto, many p. options
Was $8900 Now $7450
48mos $181.94/mo.

92 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN
V-6, auto., a/c, only 56,000 miles
Was $9275 Now $7950
48 mos $198.65/mo.

92 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER
V-6, auto., a/c
Was $5500 Now $4950
36 mos $149.67/mo.

90 FORD E150 CARGO VAN
automatic
Was $5850 Now $4200
30 mos $147.65/mo.

85 DODGE COLT VISTA 4X4
NH inspected
Was $2500 Now $1650

SPORT UTILITY

93 CHEVY S10 BLAZER 4 DR
LT, auto., loaded, leather
Was $12,900 Now $12,200
54 mos $279.12/mo.

1991 JEEP CHEROKEE
6 cyl, Auto, A/C
Was $7,900 Now $7,000
48 mos. $177.95

91 CHEVY S10 BLAZER 4X4
auto., loaded, only 54,000 miles
Was $10,900 Now $9200
48 mos $237.95/mo.

91 OLDS BRAVADA 4 DR 4X4
leather, auto, loaded
Was $9950 Now $5975
42 mos $166.09/mo.

90 FORD FULL SIZE BRONCO
4x4, only 79,000 miles
Was $8500 Now $7500
48 mos $191.58/mo.

88 FORD BRONCO II 4X4
XLT, V6, 5 spd.
Was $3650 Now $3200
24 mos $130.65/mo.

87 CHEVY S10 BLAZER 4X4
V-6, auto
Was $4500 Now $3000
18 mos $156.15/mo.

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All vehicle monthly payments include a $500 down payment in cash or trade equity. All rates are on approved credit.

MODEL YR.	APR.
97/96	10%
95	10.5%
94	11%
93	11.50%
92	12.50%
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95 FORD F150 PKUP
automatic
Was $10,900 Now $9900
60 mos $202.55/mo.

95 FORD RANGER PKUP
5 spd., XLT, long box
Was $6975 Now $6325
48 mos $149.75/mo.

95 GMC SONOMA PKUP
SLS, only 35,000 miles
Was $9450 Now $8700
60 mos $176.76/mo.

94 GMC 1500 PKUP
V-8, 5 spd.
Was $10,950 Now $9475
54 mos $212.04/mo.

93 FORD F150 4X4
6 cyl., 5 spd.
Was $11,400 Now $8200
48 mos $201.51/mo.

93 CHEV. S10 EX-CAB
V-6, auto
Was $9450 Now $7200
48 mos $175.42/mo.

93 FORD F150 PKUP
6 cyl., auto.
Was $8950 Now $7300
48 mos $178.03/mo.

93 FORD F150 EX-CAB
V-8, auto., a/c
Was $12,500 Now $10,500
54 mos $238.65/mo.

93 DODGE DAKOTA EX-CAB
V-6, 5 spd., LE
Was $9550 Now $7925
48 mos $194.33/mo.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

92 NISSAN KING CAB 4X4
4 cyl., 5 spd., nice truck, chrome wheels
Was $10,500 Now $9950
48 mos $251.81/mo.

92 CHEVY 1500 4X4
Silverado, only 55,000 miles
Was $12,900 Now $11,500
48 mos $283.01/mo.

90 FORD F150 PKUP
6 cyl., auto. a/c
Was $5450 Now $3800
24 mos $159.43/mo.

90 CHEVY 1500 4X4
Scottsdale, V-8, auto, Fisher Plow
Was $11,850 Now $10,975
48 mos $286.37/mo.

90 CHEVY 2500 PKUP
V-8, auto., only 45,000 miles
Was $9950 Now $8400
48 mos $216.13/mo.

90 CHEVY S10 4X4 PKUP
V6, 5 spd., only 59,000 miles
Was $6950 Now $5500
48 mos $184.31/mo.

1992 MAZDA EX-CAB 4X4 P/U
4 cyl, 5 speed, SE-5
Was $9,775 Now $8,975
48 mos. $225.90

85 DODGE D250 34 T PKUP
V-8, auto., low miles, a/c, loaded
Was $4950 Now $4500
24 mos $183.61/mo.

85 NISSAN PKUP
4 cyl., 5 spd., only 84,000 miles, NH insp. & warr.
Was $2950 Now $2500
18 mos $125.22/mo.

85 CHEVY 1500 4X4
V-8, auto., a/c, loaded, Silverado, only 73,000 miles
Was $6950 Now $6200
30mos $226.95/mo.

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88 BUICK SKYHAWK 4 dr., blue	$1995	$1475
88 NISSAN SENTRA 2 dr., silver	$1595	$1200
88 DODGE CARAVAN 7 pass, maroon	$995	$700
86 CHEVY CAVALIER WAGON maroon	$850	$500
87 PONTIAC GRAND AM 2 dr., NH inspected	$2250	$1800
87 DODGE 1 TON CARGO VAN white	$1295	$700
86 CHEVY CELEBRITY WAGON green	$695	$450
86 FORD AEROSTAR CARGO VAN white, needs motor	$695	$250
86 CHEVY S10 EX-CAB PKUP black	$1950	$1000
84 CHEVY CAMARO V-8, white	$4450	$2500

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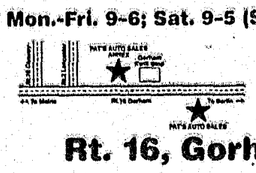

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1992 Ford Tempo, 4 dr. sedan, 4 cyl., auto, am/fm radio, a/c, 70k miles..... $4,495
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1989 Ford T-Bird LX, 6 cyl, auto, loaded, 71k miles..... $4,495
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NOTICE
Sale of Tax Acquired Property

Real Estate to be sold to the highest bidder by the Executive Director, Maine Revenue Services.

Item No. 1
T17 R4 WELS, Aroostook County
Map AR021 Plan 2, Lot 18
This property consists of 0.23 acre. It appears to be the residual portion of a lot that was mostly taken by the Department of Transportation at least 15 years ago. The lot has a steep grade from Route 161 to the stream. The lot is lightly wooded. Deed reference: Book 770, Page 193. The estimated 1997 property tax is $5.11. Minimum bid $75.00

Item No. 2
TC R2 WELS, Aroostook County
Map AR002, Plan 1, Lot 1 (Building on Leased Land)
This is a camp located on a Great Northern Paper Co. lease (#2816). The camp has seasonal road access. The 322 square foot camp is in need of repair. Electricity is not available. No deed reference available. The estimated 1997 property tax is $3.41. Minimum Bid $125.00

Item No. 3
Connor Twp., Aroostook County
Map AR105, Plan 2, Lot 24
This is a spaghetti-type subdivision lot (38.00 acres) with 374' of frontage on U.S. Route 1 about 550' North of Black Brook. The undeveloped lot appears to have been recently cut and is lightly wooded with mixed growth. Electricity and telephone are available. The lot is generally below road grade. Deed reference: Book 613, Page 98. The estimated 1997 property tax is $76.82. Minimum Bid $375.00

Item No. 4
E Twp., Aroostook County
Map AR108, Plan 2, Lot 35
This is a 1.00 acre property at the intersection of a black topped and gravel road. The lot is lightly wooded and slightly below road grade. The property has a storage building in need of repair. Power is available. No deed reference available. The estimated 1997 property tax is $21.80. Minimum Bid $150.00

Item No. 5
T8 SD, Hancock County
Map HA004, Plan 3, Lot 26
This is a 100'x110' lot (0.25 acre) on Route 179. Electricity and telephone are available. The rear portion of the lot is at road grade but the front protion of the lot is low and wet. The lot is lightly wooded. Deed reference: Book 756, Page 581. The estimated 1997 property tax is $5.55. Minimum Bid $75.00

Item No. 6
Albany Twp., Oxford County
Map OX016, Plan 1, Lot 163
This 0.50 acre lot is located between "old" Route 5 and 35 and the relocated road. The old camp was recently burned and the lot has not been cleaned up. The lot is ledge along the current Route 5 & 35. Electricity and telephone are available. Deed reference: Book 1233, Page 243. The estimated 1997 property tax is $14.69The Minimum Bid $150.00

Item No. 7
Kingman Twp., Penobscot County
Map PE036, Plan 3, Lot(s) 41, 42
This is a 0.25 acre corner lot on a black topped road. There is a building lot in need of repair. Electricity and telephone are available. Deed reference: Book 5217, Page 307. The estimated 1997 property tax is $159.85. Minimum Bid $950.00

Item No. 8
Blanchard Twp., Piscataquis County
Map PI085, Plan 5, Lot 21
This 1.65 acre lot is located between the paved road and the Piscataquis River. Electricity and telephone are available. There is a stone walled cellar hole. At its widest point the lot is less than 200' from the road R/W to the riverbank. The lot is lightly wooded and slopes from road grade to the riverfront. Deed reference: Book 312, Page 373. The estimated 1997 property tax is $18.17. Minimum Bid $200.00

Written Bids will be received on the above described property at the office of the Bureau of Purchases, Room 119, State Office Building, 9 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, no later than 10:00 am, January 20, 1998.

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For additional information, please contact Maine Revenue Services, Property Tax Division, Tel. No. (207) 287-4783.

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Request for Proposals
All Purpose Recreational Bridge

The Town of Bethel, Maine is seeking design/build proposals from qualified contractors or engineers for the construction of a recreational bridge which will accommodate all forms of pedestrian traffic, bicycles, snowmobiles and their grooming equipment, to span the Androscoggin River within the Route 2 ROW in the Town of Bethel. Bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Bethel Town Office at 19 Main Street, P.O. Box 108, Bethel, ME. 04217, 207-824-2669. A pre-proposal conference is scheduled for January 7, 1998 at the Town Office at 10:00 am. The deadline for submitting proposals is 1:00 pm, February 11, 1998 to the address and location noted above.

PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Title 28 MRSA 252 -- a notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held Jan. 5, 1998 at the Bethel Town Office to consider a liquor license renewal from Sunday River Brewing Co., located on the Sunday River Road. Public comment will be heard at that time. Prior to the hearing date written comment may be issued to the Bethel Town Office.

Christen Mason, Town Clerk

PUBLIC HEARING

The Bethel Board of Selectmen are accepting applications for persons interested in serving as a Water District Trustee.

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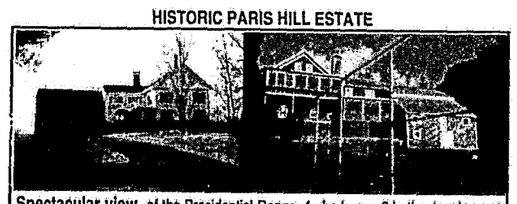

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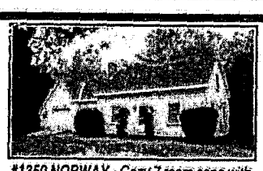

#1350 NORWAY - Cozy 7 room cape with attached 2 car garage. Very well constructed home on a nice private 3 acre lot. Great location. Must see to appreciate..... Reduced to $118,500

#1217 NORWAY LAKE - Nice quiet & peaceful location on East shore of lake. A-frame w/addition on 1+ acre at end of road: Very well maintained seasonal cottage w/2 bedrooms plus loft. Must see to appreciate..... $89,000

#1343 NORWAY - Cozy and rustic cape style log home in great neighborhood. Well maintained and nicely landscaped property with two car garage. 3 bedrooms, spacious living room, w/fieldstone fireplace, kitchen & dining area, plus full bath. Oil hot water heat..... Reduced $115,000

#1392 SO. PARIS - Treat yourself to a home that has had lots of care and love. A delightful & charming four bedroom & 2 bath victorian style village home with cozy & spacious screened porch overlooking Paris Village & countryside views. Many updates to this him of the century home that has stood the test of time. A must see..... $96,500

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#1322 SOUTH PARIS - Here's your chance to own five plus acres of this beautiful earth with breathtaking views of the White Mountains. Adorning this property is a nice antique cape with three bedrooms, a 24x68 stable. Nice fields, very desirable location. Call for your private showing ..... Reduced $149,900

#1384 SOUTH PARIS - Cute & cozy two-story home with new bathroom. Town water & sewer. Nice deck overlooking river. Great starter home or retirement. Economical & convenient..... $55,000

#1391 NORTH WATERFORD - Seven room farmhouse w/attached barn, plus a detached stable on 4+/- acres. Loc. on Rt. 118 at Rt. 35 intersection. Lots of potential for home/business or recreation home near lakes, ski areas, etc. Long road frontage on Crooked River. Needs some work, but worth the effort!..... $89,900

#1341 SOUTH PARIS - Won't last long! 3 bedroom village home with dining room. Living room with fireplace and garage..... Only $56,000

#1154 NORWAY - Great location! Great Views! Exceptional 5 bdrm home with 4 baths. Massive deck overlooking unique views of White Mtns. & Norway Lake. Well manicured grounds including a fish pond. This beautiful executive home has it all!..... Shown to qualified buyers by appt. only.

#1386 NORWAY - Situated on 15 acres in Norway is a lovely updated 4 bedroom farmhouse with many nice features, exposed beams, wood cookstove in kitchen, brick hearth, large rooms and a great yard with lots of space for gardens, children and animals. All updates are recent, the hard work has already been done! Looks great!.... $135,000

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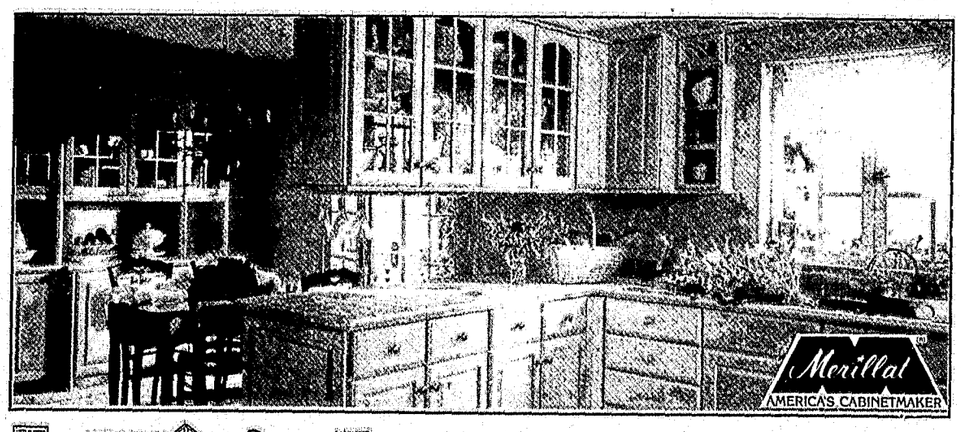

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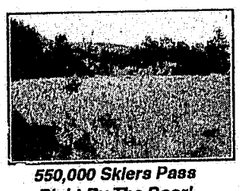

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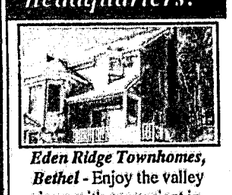

Eden Ridge Townhomes, Bethel *- Enjoy the valley views with convenient in-town location, 2 & 3 bdrm, 2 ba, garage, fireplace and more!* ***Fully furnished from $99,900-$124,900!***

Powder Ridge Townhomes, Overlooking Sunday River *- Great property - 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba, stone fireplace, quality end unit with spectacular views!* ***Recently listed for only $169,900!***

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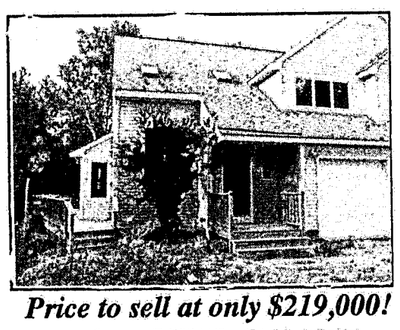

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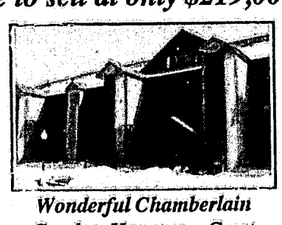
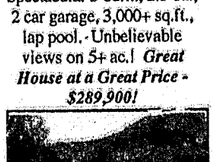


Wonderful Chamberlain Condos, Hanover *-* Great views over the outdoor heated pool, 2 bdrm, 1 ba, convenient to Sunday River and ***beginning at only $64,900!***

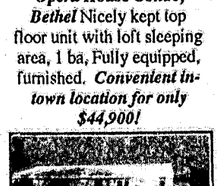
Super Cape, West Bethel Spectacular 3 bdrm, 2.5 ba., 2 car garage, 3,000+ sq.ft., lap pool. Unbelievable views on 5+ ac.! ***Great House at a Great Price - $289,900!***

Opera House Condo, Bethel Nicely kept top floor unit with loft sleeping area, 1 ba, Fully equipped, furnished. ***Convenient in-town location for only $44,900!***

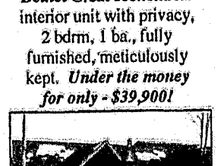
Pleasant River, West Bethel Great economical interior unit with privacy, 2 bdrm, 1 ba., fully furnished, meticulously kept. ***Under the money for only - $39,900!***



Paradise Rd, Bethel! This beautiful **country home** features 3 bdrms, 2.5 ba, beamed ceilings and wide pine floors! Many built-ins, a recently built **in-law house**, 1.5+ acres, ***views and more! Priced at only $289,900!***



Great starter home in West Bethel! On a quiet, private circle you will find this 3 bdrm, 1 ba, country home. Charming, nice lot with views and **priced reduced to only $67,000!**



Spectacular Paradise Rd - One of Bethel's finest homes, 4 bdrm, 2+ ba., 4,000+ sq.ft., great views, guest apartment and more! - ***A hard to replace house for only $299,000!***

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NICE ONE BEDROOM apartment for rent. $415 per month includes heat, hot water, electric & trash pickup. Security deposit and references required. 6 month minimum lease. 665-2265. 52-3

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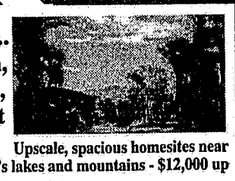

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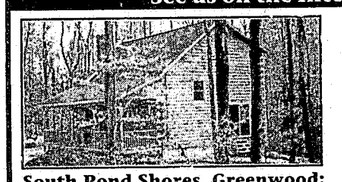
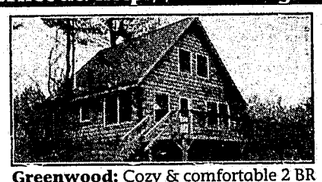
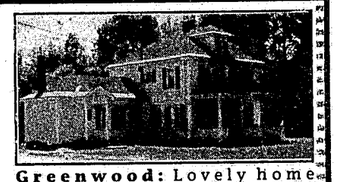


South Pond Shores, Greenwood: Situated on 5+/- acres with deeded ROW to pond/beach, this 4+ BR, 2+ bath recently constructed log home has fireplace, full-finished basement. Skier delight! **$138,900**



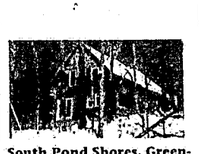
Greenwood: Cozy & comfortable 2 BR plus loft log cabin with woodstove & wrap around deck. Located on Mt. Abram lot - minutes to slopes & Westside Base Lodge. **$79,900**



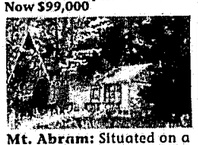
Greenwood: Lovely home conveniently located to Rt. 26/skiways boasts 3 BR, 1 1/2 baths, spacious living areas, privacy. Easy commute to So. Paris/Bethel/Rumford areas. Two large detached garages. "Residential and/or commercial potential. **$139,900**

East Bethel Road, Greenwood: High on the hill, this 3 BR home boasts comfortable, spacious living area, 2 1/2 bath, wrap around deck and views of Mt. Abram slopes! ~~$109,900~~ Now $99,000

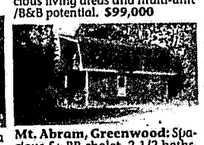
Greenwood: Conveniently located just off Rt. 26, en route to area skiways/Bethel village, this 6+ bedroom farmhouse with attached shed/barn (formerly housed stagecoach) offers spacious living areas and multi-unit /B&B potential. **$99,000**



South Pond Shores, Greenwood: Recently constructed 4 BR log home situated on a private, secluded 5+/- acre lot. Deeded ROW to beach/pond. Convenient location. Interior needs finishing. ~~$87,500~~ $84,900



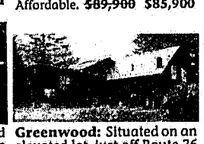
Mt. Abram: Situated on a double corner lot, this chalet boasts 3 BR, 2 loft areas, fireplace, WS, privacy and lovely mountain views. **Reduced to $74,900**



Mt. Abram, Greenwood: Spacious 5+ BR. chalet, 2 1/2 baths, full basement, large upper/lower decks, mountain views. Possible owner financing. Affordable. ~~$89,900~~ $85,900

Lake Christopher, Woodstock: 3 BR farmhouse enroute to Bethel/Sunday River offers recently renovated interior, large barn, lovely mountain/pond views. 120'+/- frontage, year round access. ~~$149,000~~ $147,000

Bethel: 1 BR ranch situated on 22+/- private mountaintop acres. Incredible Sunday River slopes & Androscoggin River Valley views. Wrap around deck, daylight baement, seasonal access. **$99,900**



Greenwood: Situated on an elevated lot, just off Route 26 en route to skiways, this home offers 3 bedrooms, spacious living areas, attached shed. Just Reduced, Now **$59,900**

Mt. Abram: Almost slopeside chalet offers 2 BR plus loft, spacious living areas, full basement, FHA heat, deck. $2,000 credit to buyer! ~~$78,500~~ $42,900

House Lots & Land

Gore Road, Woodstock: Meadowlark Valley, 6+/- acre building lots ideal for your dream home! Convenient location, views! **$27,500 each lot**

West Bethel: Fleming Road, 1+/- acre building lot offers privacy, brook. **$16,500**

Greenwood: Offers privacy & some pond views. Purchase entire parcel of 9+/- acres at **$19,900** or split at **$12,000 each.**

Hunts Corner, Albany: 74+/- acre lot boasts subdivision potential, possible mountain views, long road frontage. **$75,000**

Vernon Street, Bethel: Large 9+/- acre parcel with 440'+/- road frontage - awaits your building plans. **$35,900**

South Pond Shores, Greenwood: 5+/- acre lot, long road frontage, deeded ROW to pond/beach, private. **$17,500** 6+/- acres, 500'+/- waterfrontage, scenic cove, views. **$84,900**

SHORT TERM RENTALS!

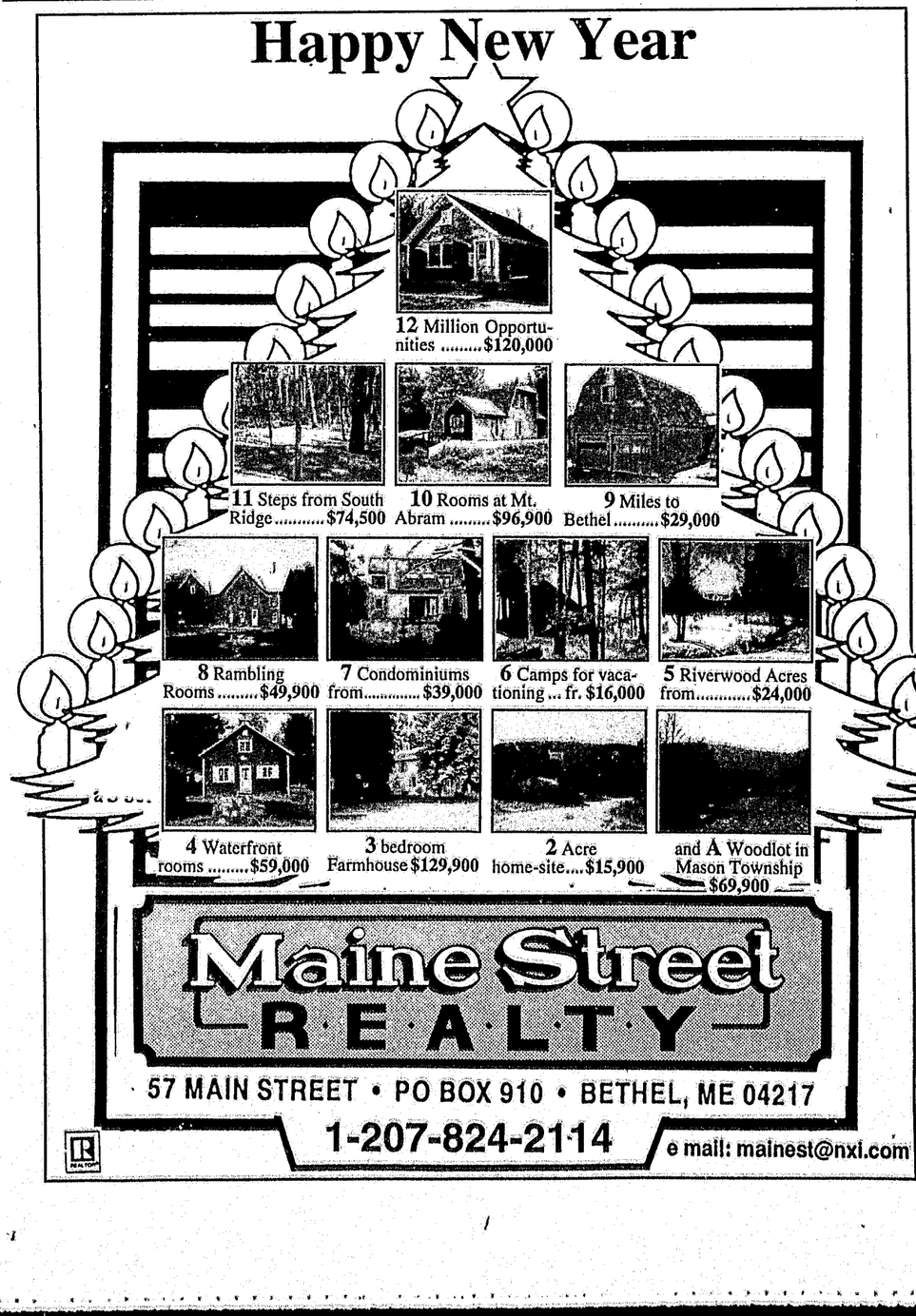
Condominiums

Bethel Opera House: Furnished 1 BR (& small loft), 3/4 bath condo - main level. On Bethel Common & in Village/minutes to Sunday River Skiway. Good rental history, affordable. **$52,000**

Lake Christopher, Woodstock (Woodstock/Bryant Pond): Comfortable 3 BR end unit/lower level en route to skiways/Bethel. Lovely lake/mountain views. Rental out or owner occupy. ~~$74,000~~ **REDUCED! NOW $53,000**

Mt. Abram: Furnished 1 BR unit only minutes to the slopes! Entry/foyer, deck, woodstove. Affordable. **$43,900**

Happy New Year



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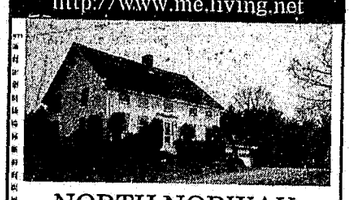

NORTH NORWAY
One of the oldest homes in Norway, this 4 bedroom colonial has been tastefully restored w/exposed beams corner posts, wide pine floors along w/an updated kitchen & bath. Situated on 8 1/2 acres, there is a 36', 60 pole barn plus gazebo.
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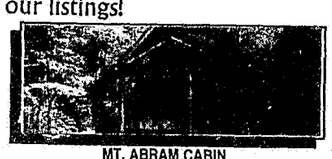
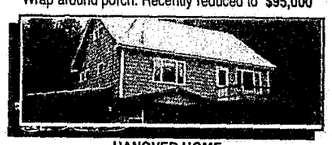


MT. ABRAM CABIN
Very well maintained 2 bedroom year round cabin at the base of Mt. Abram Ski Area. Triple lot, new heating system and interior finish. Tasteful and priced to sell at only $69,000

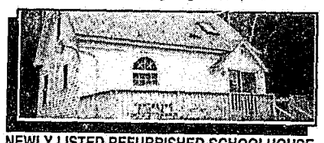
PRIVACY AND BEAUTIFUL VIEWS
Three bedroom, 2 bath home located on a private 2+ acre landscaped lot with beautiful mountain views. Wrap around porch. Recently reduced to $95,000

BETHEL HOME Spacious 3 bedroom cape conveniently located just outside the Village of Bethel. Hardwood flooring, fireplace, den and a very welcoming pool with a wrap around deck. Attached 1 car garage. $97,000

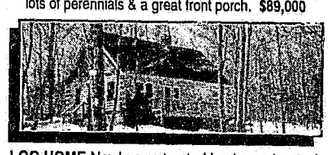
QUAINT BUNGALOW Built in 1991 & loc. on a generously sized 4+/- acre lot at the end of a nice residential street in Andover Village. Cathedral ceilings, skylights, bay windows & beautiful hrdwood floors make the interior bright & welcoming. Detached barn, lots of perennials & a great front porch. $89,000



HANOVER HOME
Nicely maintained Hanover home features 2-3 bedrooms, 2 baths, open living area & kitchen with island. Enclosed sun porch leads to deck & in-ground pool. 1 car garage. Beautifully landscaped 4.8+/- acre lot. $89,900



NEWLY LISTED REFURBISHED SCHOOLHOUSE
Tastefully restored schoolhouse situated in Newry. Great permanent or vacation home with an open floor plan, cathedral ceiling. Low maintenance and energy efficient. Most furnishings included. Mountain views. $110,000



LOG HOME Newly constructed log home located just minutes from area ponds, Mt. Abram & Sunday River Ski Resort. 4 bedrooms, 1 3/4 baths, hardwood floors & a fireplace! A fantastic home sit. on an attractive lot with mountain views. $119,900

CONDOMINIUMS

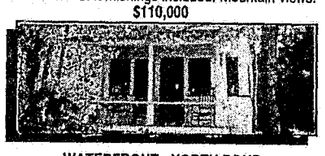
EDEN RIDGE: Attractive townhouse located off Paradise Rd. Nice open living area with fireplace, 2 bedr., 2 baths, and att'd garage. Beautiful mtn. views and a great location close to the Village of Bethel ..... Unit 5E $97,000

CARRIAGE HOUSE: Located in the center of Bethel Village this restored 1920's townhouse offers the convenience of in town living in a peaceful neighborhood. Uniquely designd end unit. ..... Unit #5 $99,000

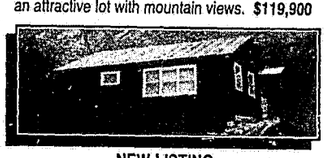
BETHEL OPERA HOUSE: On-The-Common in Bethel Village. Loft bedroom unit located next door to the Bethel Inn and walking distance to town amenities. Furnished..... Unit 22 $44,500

PLEASANT RIVER: Furnished two bedroom townhome condominium located in West Bethel. Ski resorts, canoeing and hiking nearby. In-ground pool. Strong rental history. An affordable alternative to renting. ..... Unit #6 $39,900

FALL LINE: Just Listed. Ski-in/Ski-out at Sunday River Ski Resort. Fully furnished unit located on the west wing.. Restaurant. A great opportunity..... $54,900



WATERFRONT - NORTH POND
Wonderful seasonal camp with aproximately 100' of shore frontage on North Pond. Beach area on a secluded cove with easy access to the main road. Lovely views, porch & deck. Now $99,000



NEW LISTING
Year round getaway cabin, privately situated on a town maintained road in Bethel. Drilled well and septic. Motivated seller. Just reduced to $32,000

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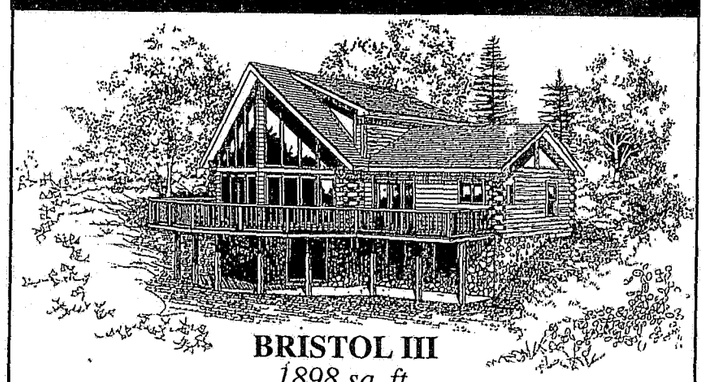

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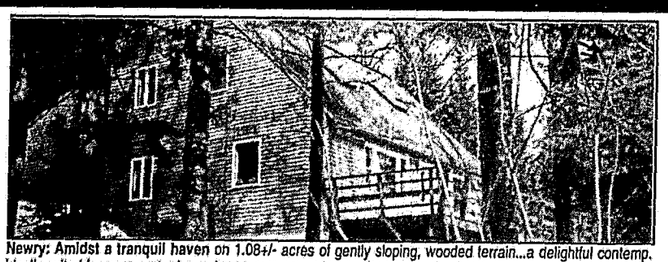
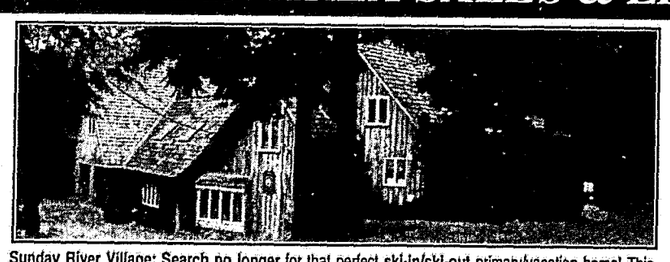
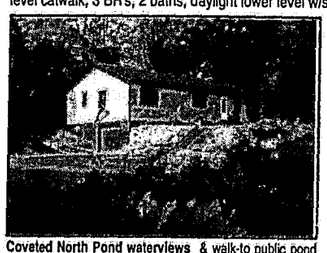


Newry: Amidst a tranquil haven on 1.08+/- acres of gently sloping, wooded terrain...a delightful contemp. ideally suited for your next primary home or vaca. get-away. Its loc. is primely sit. on a charming country cul-de-sac with ever so close prox. to S.R. Skiway's new Jordan Bowl Access. Only min. to ski trails, waterways, renowned for great summertime swimming & spectacular views from the Sunday River Valley, its open floor plan & extensive windows invite nature into its high-ceilinged great room with seasonally screened deck, upper level catwalk, 3 BR's, 2 baths, daylight lower level w/sep. access, 2-car garage & so much more..$199,000



Sunday River Village: Search no longer for that perfect ski-in/ski-out primary/vacation home! This offering is absolutely magnificent! Massive contemporary ski chalet features large exposed beam game-room, handsome tavern for apres-ski, great room, newly constructed living room with fieldstone fireplace, 4 bedrooms & spacious 1 bedroom furnished apartment with rich revenue generating history. 1+/- acre lot with sunny Sunday River trail views & on site quaint bridge leading to Ridge Run! Call for Details

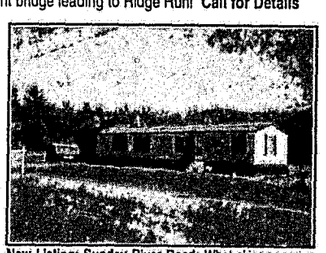
New Listing - Sunday River Village: A veritable fantasia set upon a rich emerald carpet-like lawn w/views of WALK-TO Sunday River Ski Resort trails & mts in the most coveted of Newry Subdivisions, the absolutely meticulous & well-thought-out interior & exterior appearances of this property will dazzle you. Hardy perennial & annual gardens lovingly dispersed & maint'd. Newly ren. & expanded, its intricate floor plan consists of a sought-after cathedralized great room, scenic wrap-amd decks, 3 BR's, brand new sunken sun porch, new FAM room, library/den, laundry & ski-tuning/workshop room along w/a multitude of private nooks & crannies. Also, new 2-bay garage & storage area. Premiere quality & unbeatable location. $299,000



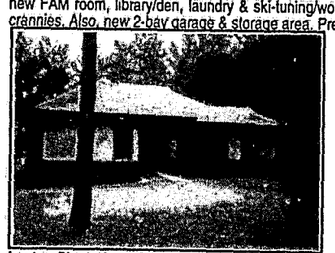
Coveted North Pond waterviews & walk-to public pond access from this delightful construct. 3 BR, 2 bath dwelling. Offering a most conven. loc. & well landscaped, wooded .8+/- acre lot. Floorplan includes LR w/picture window, kitchen w/adjoining DR, master suite & full drive-in bsmnt. Offered in mint, move-in condition, awaiting your year round fun filled ownership. Price Reduced $110,000

New Listing - Sit. on the famed Sunday River Road where vital comm. visibility is unparalled & coupled w/ever-so-close prox. to Sunday River, this is a standout for entrepreneurs and yr rnd or vaca. dwellers. This 3 BR, dormered red cape is most affordably priced. Its classic lines offer 2 stories & include a comfortable floor plan with attractive LR, country KIT & full bsmnt. This property is only $89,900

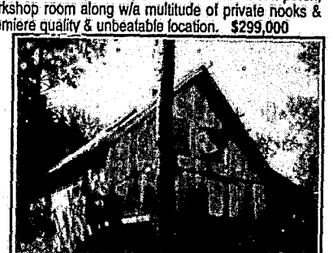
Price Reduced - Bethel: With ever so close proximity to Sunday River Ski Resort, (less than 2 miles from South Ridge Center) you'll delight in this newly constructed spacious & airy contemporary with 4 BR's, 2 baths, wrap arnd deck & 2 balconies for enjoying pristine views of the beautious Sunday River. Make this your four season getaway with swimming & kayaking from your front yard. $129,000



New Listing: Sunday River Road: What skier or savvy investor wouldn't love to secure a vaca home only 1+/- mile to Sunday River Skiway at an affordable price?! Currently utilized as a comfitble residence, this offering is neat, clean and sit. on a scenic grassy field to enjoy Sunday River trail & mtn. views. 1989 mobile home consists of 2 BR, 2 bath, LR & KIT on 1+/- acre parcel. A fab. value at only $62,000



Luxton Plantation - Price Reduced: Meticulous 2 bedroom contemp. is sit on 1.7+/- acres among pines of valued W. Bethel subdiv. Artistically conceived design boasts easy-to-maintain ext., insulated windows in LR...Lovingly construct. in 1990 & orig. listed at $89,500, this exceptional value constitues perfect primary/vacation/ retirement home at most remarkable price of $69,900



Woodstock: Your tranquil seclusion is assured with the purchase of this picturesque, newer constructed home located on 42+/- private acres. Spectacular mountain views are enjoyed from the expansive decks and a roomy unfinished, fully insulated and wired interior awaits only your personal touch. Your dream has never been more attainable. $64,900

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Bird Hill Estates: The surroundings ...spectacular; the mountain views...magnificent! New listing in this incredible subdivision offers 5.05+/- acres with ample road frontage and beautiful vista views. $34,900

Powder Ridge Lot #2: This 2.79+/- acre lot has unsurpassed mountain vista view surroundings and trail views in established upper-end community close to Skiway. $67,500

Sunny Hills, Newry: Most spectacularly scenic Sunday River Valley area. 5.3+/- acre parcel enjoys extensive vista views of SR ski trails. Only minutes to lifts, this naturally beautiful haven awaits your custom plans. $49,000

In-Town, Bethel: Entrepreneurs- a highly visible, commercially situated lot on Mechanic St. is open & level. Located in the central business distinct w/public utilities available & low taxes. Now is the time to act! $29,900

Spectacular & scenic 40+/- acre parcel including acreage of Walker Mtn. along w/sought after waterfrontage on lovely Goss Pond. One-of-a-kind offering, only moments to area skiways & amenities $79,900

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SUNDAY RIVER SKI-IN/SKI-OUT CONDOS!

MERRILL BROOK		
I-E	Deluxe End	SOLD
II-E	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
BROOKSIDE BUILDING I		
I-B-306	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
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BROOKSIDE BUILDING II		
II-B-201	Studio/1 Bath	$45,900
II-A-212	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD
II-B-308	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
II-B-202	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD
II-B-103	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
II-A-105	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$52,000
II-B-113	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$53,000
II-B-115	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$57,900
II-B-301	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$62,900
II-B-310	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$63,900
II-B-306	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD

CASCADES		
B-21	Studio/1 Bath	SOLD
B-24	Studio/1 Bath	$50,000
C-10	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
C-22	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
LOCKE MOUNTAIN		
A-3	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
FALL LINE		
W-208	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
E-106	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
W-107	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$48,900
N-212	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$49,900
W-101	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
W-211	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
N-114	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$51,500
E-108	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$52,500
W-116	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
E-105	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$54,500
S-101	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$54,900
S-102	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
E-210	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$55,000
N-108	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD

SOUTHRIDGE		
B-2	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	$119,000
D-4	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	$127,500
K-3	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	$129,500
D-1	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
I-3	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
J-5	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
SUNRISE		
A-126	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
A-103	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$49,900
A-121	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$50,900
C-115	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$51,000
S-102	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
C-117	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$51,900
C-109	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$51,900
A-110	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$54,900
C-127	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	Under Contract
NORTHPEAK		
I-212	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
I-205	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
II-105	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	$ 79,900

I-206	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
II-210	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	$80,900
I-101	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	$81,900
III-104	3 Bdrm/1 Bath	$81,900
III-301	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	$82,900
III-305	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
WHITE CAP		
A-103	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
B-218	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$59,900
A-201	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
A-407	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$62,900
B-214	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	SOLD
A-304	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$63,900
A-406	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$65,900
A-205	1 Bdrm/1 Bath	$69,900
SUNDAY RIVER ESTATES		
Middle Unit	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	$89,900
Middle Unit	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	$97,900
End Unit	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	$105,900

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BARKER BROOK		
#12	3 Bdrm/2 Bath	$110,000
BETHEL INN		
#562	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
#522	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
RIVERBEND		
#7	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	$86,000
CARRIAGE HOUSE		
#7	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
#1	1+ Loft/1 Bath	$89,900
#8	2 Bdrm/1.5 bath	$102,500
EDEN RIDGE		
#3-F	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	SOLD
#2-B	2 Bdrm/2 bath	SOLD
MT. ABRAM		
C-22	2 Bdrm/1 Bath	$69,000
C-23	2 Bdrm/1.75 Bath	$89,900
POWDER RIDGE		
#43	2 Bdrm/2 Bath	$159,000

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Obituaries

EUNICE H. BROOKS

Eunice (Hall) Brooks, 88, of Rowe Hill Road, Greenwood, died Saturday, Dec. 27, 1997, at Stephens Memorial Hospital, after a short illness. She was the widow of Lamont Brooks. Mrs. Brooks was born in North Woodstock, Feb. 25, 1909, the daughter of the late William and Mary (Smith) Hall, attended Woodstock schools, but had been a resident of Greenwood for nearly three-quarters of a century. She was a member of the Bryant Pond Baptist Church.

Mrs. Brooks is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Doris (Brooks) Tiner of Lewiston; two sons, Bernard of Greenwood, and Alpheus Brooks of Albany; a sister, Georgie Cook of Quincy, Mass.; as well as three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at the Bryant Pond Baptist Church on Monday. Interment in the spring. Friends who wish may make donations to Tri-Town Rescue or Bryant Pond Baptist Church, Missionary Act. Arrangements under the care of the Andrews Funeral Home, South Woodstock.

JOHN R. MEISTER

John R. Meister, 40, died Sunday, Dec. 28, 1997, at his residence, which he built, on the Dundee Road in Albany following a brief illness. Formerly of Bolsters Mills, he had resided in Albany/North Waterford area the past seven years.

He was born in New York City, N.Y. on July 3, 1957 and was raised by the late Angus Campbell and his wife Hilda, who survives of Bridgton. He graduated from Weehawkin High School Class of 1976 in Weehawkin, N.J.

He was an elevator mechanic for the Pine State Elevator Co. in Portland and owned and operated his farm in Albany and North Waterford. He was a member of the Waterford Fish and Game Association. He was an active outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish, and especially enjoyed working with his draft horses.

He was married in North Waterford on July 4, 1992 to the former Rebecca "Becky" Linn Knight, who survives of North Waterford. Other survivors include his three daughters, Trisha, Annie and Brittney, all of North Waterford; two brothers, Angus Campbell of South Casco, and Charles Campbell of Catskill, N.Y.; two sisters, Mrs. Edward (Denise) McGee of New York, N.Y., and Mrs. Paul (Dianna) Muszynski of Harrison.

At his request, there are no public calling hours and private services will be held at the families convenience. Those who desire, please contribute to the Meister Family Fund, RR #1, Box 1638, North Waterford, Me., 04267. Arrangements are under the direction of the Meader and Son Funeral Home, 24 Fair St., Norway.

Gordon - Spearrin

Mrs. Katherine Gordon of Bethel and Edward Gordon of North Norway announce the engagement of their daughter, Paula M. Cordwell, to Reggie Spearrin of Embden, son of Alice Atwood of Old Town. A Feb. 14 wedding will take place in Bethel.

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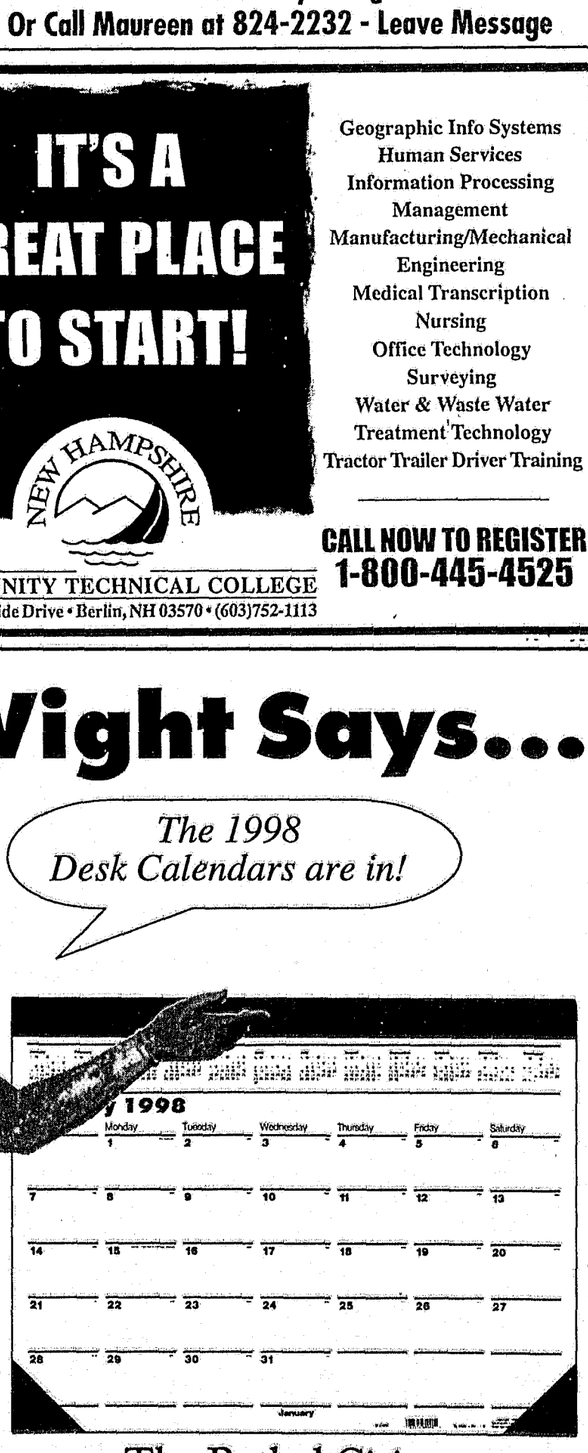

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